

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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Fair Isaac Corporation and)	CIVIL ACTION
myFICO Consumer Services, Inc.,)	NO. 06-4112 (ADM/JSM)
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Plaintiffs,)	
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vs.)	Volume XV
)	
Experian Information Solutions,)	
Inc.; TransUnion, LLC;)	
VantageScore Solutions, LLC;)	
and Does I through X,)	Courtroom 13 West
)	Thursday, November 19, 2009
Defendants.)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE ANN D. MONTGOMERY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
AND A JURY

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1 (8:45 a.m.)

2 **P R O C E E D I N G S**

3 **I N O P E N C O U R T**

4 (Without the jury)

5 THE COURT: Okay. The record should reflect we are
6 outside the presence of the jury and I think there are a few
7 cleanup items we need to deal with prior to the arrival of
8 the jury.

9 My understanding is that after some discussion
10 between the parties, the demonstrative exhibits issues that
11 remain for the Court's decision related to Exhibits 501 and
12 505 and 506. 501 and 505 will go to the jury. They were
13 received in evidence and have been seen by the jury.

14 With regard to 506 -- hard for me to read these
15 numbers -- 506 or --

16 Is that a 6, John? -- the Berger slides --

17 THE CLERK: 305.

18 THE COURT: Oh, 305. Little dyslexia this morning.
19 305, the Berger survey and opinions, I have pulled out the
20 ones -- I got a copy of the transcript, and even though the
21 transcript doesn't gear it to slides, I tried to follow
22 through as to which ones were displayed and was guided by
23 your notes as well with regard to the items that you agreed
24 were not displayed. But the packet that'll go to the jury
25 from the Berger -- from the Jacoby slides evaluating Berger's

1 survey and opinions are pages 1 through 27, 31 through 34, 39
2 through 41, and 44 through 46, and the rest have been taken
3 out of the packet as not displayed or whatever, so it's a
4 smaller packet.

5 Everybody got that or do you want me to run through
6 that again? Okay. Everybody seems to be on track with that.

7 All right. John has given you the final set of
8 instructions. Changes from the last packet you saw related
9 to -- I caught last night that the instructions didn't track
10 the exact order of the special verdict form, so the one
11 relating to Question 7 is moved so that we go through the --
12 consecutively through the verdict form, so it's just a change
13 in order of the number. And I changed the verbiage a little
14 bit to the first damages instruction will be when I tell them
15 about Question Number 8 so there's a little transition in
16 there.

17 And then so that my children wouldn't be
18 embarrassed by my instructions, I changed the fact that they
19 watched on a "television set" to "monitor," because that
20 would really bother them if I --

21 (Laughter)

22 Things like that, they tell me how old I'm getting.
23 So it would be a monitor when we talk about videotape
24 depositions, they saw it on a monitor rather than a
25 television set.

1 All right. And I don't think that would engender
2 any further objections as they're all nonsubstantive matters.

3 Mr. Larus, it does.

4 MR. LARUS: Well, I'd just like to preserve our
5 objection for the record, because I don't know that it was
6 made of record, our objection to Exhibits EX 501 and EX 505
7 going to the jury. We understand your Honor's ruling. We
8 just want to preserve the objection.

9 THE COURT: Yes. That's noted. Did anyone wish to
10 argue about the Jacoby slides any more, the ones I -- you
11 can live with what we left in there?

12 Okay. Very good. We will start then -- and
13 Mr. Milne, you may set up at the lectern so that when the
14 jury next arrives at 9 -- Mr. Glancy?

15 MR. GLANCY: Your Honor, we had just one question
16 or comment about the verdict form, that we had requested and
17 I don't think you ruled yesterday either way that the first
18 several instructions refer the jury to Question 9 if they
19 answer in a way that would otherwise end the case.

20 Question 9 is the instruction on fraud on the
21 Trademark Office and we think that that question should be
22 answered regardless of the secondary meaning because it goes
23 to our claim for attorneys' fees in this case and it also is
24 something that we would forward to the Trademark Office.

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. GLANCY: And there's a pending cancellation
2 proceeding on that same ground in the Trademark Office.

3 THE COURT: All right. Plaintiff contest whether
4 or not they should answer the final question with regard to
5 the fraud on the Trademark Office regardless of their answers
6 to the prior questions?

7 MR. LARUS: We believe the way it's currently
8 structured is how we suggest it be handled whether or not it
9 relates to some other potential proceeding.

10 THE COURT: Well, it seems to me it's safer to have
11 them answer that because then we'd at least know. Whether
12 they should or not we can figure out later, but if we don't
13 have their answer, then we don't know it.

14 John, we can fix the signals on that pretty easily,
15 can't we, just: Regardless of your answer to Question Number
16 1, instead of saying you're done, say go to
17 Question 9?

18 MR. SCHUTZ: Well, I don't think it would say quite
19 that.

20 THE COURT: We'll work on the language and we'll
21 give you the special verdict form to look at. We can work on
22 that through the morning while you're arguing. You'll get
23 another chance to look at that before we do it.

24 All right. And I want to forewarn you that I do
25 tell the jury that they may not take notes during closing

1 arguments because that's not evidence, so I will not let them
2 have their notebooks during argument.

3 MR. REMELE: You don't give them the special
4 verdict form when we're arguing?

5 THE COURT: I don't. I don't. You can use it, you
6 can put it on the screen, though it might change a little bit
7 in terms of the signals, so you might want to just go with
8 the questions rather than the signals. The questions will be
9 the same. And then I do display it on the ELMO as I'm
10 reading it to them in my instructions.

11 All right. We're set for 9 o'clock?

12 All right. Court will be in recess till 9.

13 (Recess taken at 8:53 a.m.)

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15 (9:00 a.m.)

16 IN OPEN COURT

17 (Jury enters)

18 THE COURT: Good morning. Please be seated.

19 As I told you Tuesday when we last were in session,
20 that the matters remaining to be accomplished prior to your
21 deliberations are the arguments of counsel and my
22 instructions of law to you. We're going to proceed with
23 those matters today.

24 Because the arguments of the lawyers are not
25 evidence in the case, I'm going to ask you not to take notes

1 during the argument, just listen to their arguments, and
2 later on I'll be giving you instructions and those will be in
3 writing and I'm going to give you a copy of the instructions.

4 So you don't really need to take any notes today at
5 all. Devote your full attention to listening to the
6 arguments, please.

7 We will begin first with the argument given on
8 behalf of defendant Experian by their counsel, Mr. Robert
9 Milne.

10 Mr. Milne, you may proceed.

11 MR. MILNE: Thank you, your Honor.

12 **DEFENDANT EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.'s**

13 **CLOSING ARGUMENT**

14 MR. MILNE: Good morning, everyone. It's really my
15 pleasure finally at the end of this long, long, long trial to
16 be able to address you at closing.

17 And I want to begin by thanking you, really
18 thanking you for your attention over this trial. I know it
19 has been a long trial and I know this isn't exactly the most
20 interesting subject matter in the world, it's difficult
21 stuff, and the attention that you all have paid and your
22 ability to stay awake through it all has really been
23 impressive.

24 (Laughter)

25 MR. MILNE: I appreciate that. You know, and our

1 system really places great reliance on jurors like you to do
2 that, to pay attention when the evidence is coming in in a
3 trial and to then use your common sense, your good judgment,
4 et cetera, and take that evidence and apply it to the dispute
5 and come to the right result, and judging how well you paid
6 attention, I know you're going to do a great job at that.

7 And what I'd like to do in my closing is to work
8 through some of the evidence with you now in the context of
9 the specific -- you know, the legal requirements of these
10 claims and talk through with you what the evidence is on each
11 of those, and I'm hoping that that will help make your job a
12 little easier when you go back to deliberate.

13 Now, as you've heard from the judge, you're going
14 to get some instructions from her on the law at the end of
15 the case. And I want to just make clear at the beginning
16 here, because you've heard about some other matters during
17 the course of this trial, things like keyword Internet
18 advertising and the like, you are not going to have to worry
19 about those issues. You're not going to be asked to make any
20 decisions about those issues and the judge will instruct you
21 about that. There are only two issues that you're going to
22 have to decide in your deliberations.

23 The first is, you're going to have to decide on
24 this claim of infringement of the claimed 300 to 850
25 trademark, that's number one, and number two, you're going to

1 have to decide on this issue of the defendants' claim of
2 whether Fair Isaac committed fraud, basically lied to the
3 Patent and Trademark Office when it was going through that
4 application on the 300 to 850 patent -- trademark. I'm
5 sorry.

6 So those are the two issues and what I'd like to --
7 Mr. Remele from TransUnion is going to focus on the fraud
8 claims when he speaks to you and so I'm going to basically be
9 focusing on this 300 to 850 trademark claim.

10 And as I know you're all painfully aware by this
11 point, Fair Isaac claims a trademark in (indicating) this,
12 300-850, and as a practical matter on every number in between
13 300 and 850, because they take the position that any scoring
14 service that has a range that overlaps even just a little bit
15 with 300 to 850 infringes their trademark.

16 And so the first issue that you're going to have to
17 decide is, is this thing 300 to 850 a valid trademark,
18 because if it's not a valid trademark, there's nothing to
19 infringe and the case is over, this 300 to 850 case is over.

20 And you heard a little bit in the testimony the
21 other day from Mr. Anderson, the former Trademark Office
22 official, that 300 to 850 is just a descriptive term, and
23 you'll hear that Judge Montgomery has already decided that
24 that's what 300 to 850 is. It merely describes something
25 about Fair Isaac's scoring algorithm, the FICO algorithm. So

1 what that means is that when it comes to validity of 300 to
2 850, the only thing that you have to decide is whether 300 to
3 850 has acquired secondary meaning. You've heard that term a
4 few times over the course of the trial.

5 And what secondary meaning means, what it's
6 referring to in the context of 300 to 850 is, it's saying
7 that -- and you have to find as a result of the evidence --
8 that a significant portion of the millions of consumers for
9 credit scoring services, when they hear 300-850, they have an
10 automatic thought, an automatic association between that term
11 and a single source, Fair Isaac. That is the essence of
12 secondary meaning. It's like the trademarks we know about.
13 You see the Nike swoosh and you think about a particular shoe
14 company and we talked about that during the opening
15 statements. That's what secondary meaning is.

16 Now, there's another thing that you have to keep in
17 mind and it's very important as well. Not only does Fair
18 Isaac have to show that secondary meaning in 300 to 850 came
19 into existence, but it also has to show that it came into
20 existence before my client, Experian, began selling its
21 scoring product, the PLUS score, with the alleged infringing
22 score range, so there's a timing element as well on what they
23 have to prove.

24 I just put this little timeline up here. You've
25 heard the evidence about how the PLUS score from Experian was

1 introduced in October of 2003 with a 300 to 900 scoring
2 range, and then not too long after that they shifted that
3 range to 330 to 830 and then that was rolled out over time
4 across various websites into the middle part of 2004. So if
5 you're being conservative, you could say that Fair Isaac has
6 to show secondary meaning kicked in, if you will, by about
7 the middle part of 2004, so it's secondary meaning by
8 mid-2004.

9 And you're going to get -- at the end of the
10 instructions from Judge Montgomery, you're going to get a
11 special -- it's a verdict form. It's a questionnaire that
12 you're going to have to fill out and you'll see these
13 questions -- I've just reproduced the first page of it
14 here, and the first question is: "Has '300-850' acquired
15 secondary meaning?" And if you answer that question no,
16 you're basically done, you can stop, you don't have to fill
17 in any more questions. But even if you find there is some
18 secondary meaning, you have to go to Question 2, which says
19 did it acquire secondary meaning before the defendants'
20 allegedly infringing uses, and you have to look at the entry
21 dates for the different scores, and as I say, Experian, we're
22 talking basically mid-2004.

23 So, that's your job in the first instance is to
24 answer those couple of questions on secondary meaning.

25 Now, Judge Montgomery -- we talked about what

1 secondary meaning is, it's that automatic association -- and
2 in the jury instructions you're going to get from Judge
3 Montgomery a number of factors that you can consider in
4 thinking about secondary meaning and whether it was ever
5 developed, and there are a number of them. And you're free
6 to consider some of them, all of them, none of them, but in
7 the end you have to use your good judgment and your common
8 sense based on the evidence to decide whether 300 to 850
9 developed secondary meaning before mid-2004.

10 But it's useful to kind of walk through and I've
11 kind of pulled out several of them and simplified them a
12 little bit. Judge Montgomery's instructions will control, of
13 course, but here are some of the factors that you need to
14 consider, and what I'd like to do is walk through each of
15 them and talk to you a little bit about what the evidence is
16 on each of them.

17 And the first one is was 300 to 850 ever used as a
18 trademark. You know, in a lot of ways that's the most
19 important question, because if they never used it as a
20 trademark, it -- it just doesn't make sense that it could
21 have developed secondary meaning, so let's talk about that
22 and let's start with just a reminder of what a trademark is.

23 You know, a trademark is a symbol, a term, a phrase
24 that tells you something about the source. You see that
25 symbol and you automatically think of a particular source.

1 And a trademark, in some ways you can think about a
2 trademark, it answers the question who made this thing, who
3 is supplying this thing. A merely descriptive term answers
4 the question of what is it, something about this thing, and
5 that's sometimes a useful way to think about the difference
6 between a trademark and something that's just a merely
7 descriptive term.

8 So how do you use something as a trademark? And we
9 talked about it. And a good example to think about this is,
10 the other day the example of Kentucky Fried Chicken came up
11 in the questioning of Mr. Anderson. And how did Kentucky
12 Fried Chicken, which is a descriptive term -- it says
13 something about chicken fried using some Kentucky recipe or
14 in Kentucky -- how did it come to be associated -- nobody
15 thinks of it that way anymore. When we hear Kentucky Fried
16 Chicken we think of a particular place, a particular
17 restaurant chain. And the way it came to be -- to have that
18 association is that the Kentucky Fried Chicken Company over
19 years and years relentlessly advertised that name, that term.
20 It was in TV commercials, magazines, radio, you name it.
21 They've been promoting that term for years. That is
22 trademark use.

23 We talked about American Airlines in my opening
24 statement. It's the same thing, a descriptive term. How did
25 it become associated with a particular airline company?

1 Advertisement, promotion, featuring of the thing, not just
2 using it as a descriptive term.

3 So to use something as a trademark, you feature it
4 in advertising. You use big bold lettering and you say -- in
5 the context of, say, 300 to 850 you say: Look for your 300
6 to 850 score.

7 You look at the top of the website -- and again,
8 we're focusing on mid-2004 and earlier -- were they using 300
9 to 850 that way? Did they put 300 to 850 up at the top of
10 their websites, their brochures, their advertisements? Those
11 are the things that you need to look at to decide whether 300
12 to 850 has ever been used as a trademark.

13 The other thing that you do when you use something
14 really as a trademark is you put the world on notice that
15 you're claiming it as a trademark.

16 Now, Fair Isaac says that it has had trademark
17 rights in 300 to 850 going back to 2001 when they first
18 started selling scores in the consumer marketplace. That's
19 what they say. And so one of the questions for you is did
20 they put the world on notice of that before they started
21 writing letters and filing lawsuits in 2006. Did they use
22 that TM symbol. Did they put the world on notice.

23 The other thing that you do when you have a real
24 trademark is you enforce it. If you're aware of somebody
25 using an overlapping term, something that you think is

1 infringing, you write letters. You go out there and you tell
2 people, you put the world on notice: I have a trademark.

3 So those are the kinds of things you do when you
4 have a real trademark and you're using it as a real
5 trademark, and so what does the evidence show here about Fair
6 Isaac's use of 300 to 850 before mid-2004?

7 Now, if you think about Fair Isaac's case, you have
8 to go way back to the beginning of the case -- it seems like
9 a year ago -- for their first witness, the only witness from
10 the company that they called to sort of establish trademark
11 rights, and that was Ms. Kramers-Dove. She testified at the
12 beginning of the case. And as she told you and as she
13 admitted, she's not even involved in the part of the business
14 that sells FICO scores to consumers. She's not involved in
15 that piece of the business.

16 Why did Fair Isaac not bring the person who's
17 heading up their consumer business to talk about advertising
18 and the kinds of things that you heard about from the people
19 like Mr. Danaher and Mr. Williams, Mr. Danaher from TU and
20 Mr. Williams from Experian, who came in and talked about the
21 ways in which they promote their scores in the consumer
22 marketplace, and it may be because Fair Isaac doesn't have
23 much to tell us there.

24 So what did Ms. Kramers-Dove present? What did she
25 present to show that Fair Isaac used 300 to 850 as a

1 trademark in that period before mid-2004?

2 Well, what she did was, Fair Isaac's lawyers walked
3 her through a series of brochures, some press releases and
4 some website pages, and these were all presented as examples
5 of supposed trademark use. And I just -- you are going to
6 have all this material back in the jury room with you. I
7 only have a short time to speak to you, so I'm going to show
8 you a couple of examples and I would just ask you to really
9 carefully review this material when you go back to the jury
10 room and see if you see anything much different.

11 Now, this is one of the documents that
12 Ms. Kramers-Dove presented and this is a web page from 2002,
13 and the first thing to focus on is are they featuring
14 300-850. Are they saying: "Get your 300 to 850 score up at
15 the top"? Well, up at the top, what do we see? We see
16 "myFICO," we see "the FICO score." We don't see "300 to 850"
17 up there. It's not being featured. Where is the reference
18 to 300 to 850? I'm going to blow it up here. It's sort of
19 buried over here in a sentence, and it says: "Based on a
20 scale of 300 to 850, there are three FICO scores." That's
21 supposed to be trademark use according to Ms. Kramers-Dove.

22 Now, as I said at the beginning, one of the ways
23 you think about a trademark is a trademark tells you
24 something about who makes this product as opposed to
25 something about the product. And one way to think about

1 whether this is trademark use of 300 to 850 is, let's just
2 pretend that this second half of the sentence was deleted and
3 all it said was: "Based on a scale of 300 to 850" -- or
4 let's just say they deleted the reference to FICO. "Based on
5 a scale of 300 to 850, there are three scores." Let's say
6 that's what the sentence said. Would 300 to 850 tell you
7 anything about who made this thing, who supplies this thing?
8 That's the question you have to ask yourself. But if you
9 took out 300 to 850, that first part of the sentence, and you
10 just focused on the last half and it said: "There are three
11 FICO scores," would you know who was supplying this product?
12 FICO answers the question who made this. 300 to 850 does not
13 answer that question. 300 to 850 is just descriptive use.

14 Now, you may remember just the other day before
15 your day off Mr. Robert Anderson came in and testified.
16 We're putting -- you get to see their pictures. Mr. Robert
17 Anderson came in and he testified. He's the one who was the
18 Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks at the U.S.
19 Patent and Trademark Office for 18 years.

20 Now, Mr. Anderson -- and again, this is your
21 decision whether 300 to 850 is trademark use, but you can
22 consider Mr. Anderson's testimony. And if you recall,
23 Mr. Anderson was asked some questions about certain articles
24 that appeared in the application file at the Patent and
25 Trademark Office for the 300 to 850 application and I want to

1 put one of those up here.

2 This is a web page from a San Diego real estate
3 guide and there's a sentence in there referencing 300 to 850,
4 and see how it's exactly the same as the sentence that
5 Ms. Kramers-Dove put forward as an example of trademark use?
6 Mr. Anderson was asked is the use of 300 to 850 there merely
7 descriptive, and he said based on Trademark Office procedures
8 and standards, yes, just descriptive. He was asked is the
9 use of 300 to 850 trademark use, and he said no, according to
10 Trademark Office practice and procedures. This is what
11 Ms. Kramers-Dove is putting forward as supposed trademark
12 use. It's exactly the same language.

13 Let's go to another example. Here's a brochure,
14 another one of the ones Ms. Kramers-Dove put forward as an
15 example of 300 to 850 being used as a trademark. This is a
16 brochure -- again, this is the first page of it. Do we see
17 300 to 850 anywhere on that page? No. But we do see
18 trademarks: myFICO, FICO, their little logo, telling you who
19 supplies this thing. You got to go inside the brochure a
20 little bit to see a reference to 300 to 850, and I think
21 we're going to pull it up here. And there it is. It's kind
22 of again buried in the text, not featured like a trademark,
23 and it says: "Your FICO score is a snapshot of your credit
24 bureau report at a particular point in time. It's a number
25 between 300 and 850." You have to judge for yourself. Is

1 that merely descriptive reference, 300 to 850, or is it
2 telling you who made this thing, or is the FICO reference
3 telling you who made this thing.

4 Mr. Anderson was asked the other day about this
5 article as well that was in the Trademark Office file for 300
6 to 850, and let's pull up the sentence he was asked about.

7 "What is my FICO score? It's a number from 300 to
8 850." It's a number between 300 and 850. And Mr. Anderson
9 was asked those same questions about the use of 300 to 850.
10 Is it descriptive according to Trademark Office procedures
11 and standards? He said it was just descriptive. According
12 to Trademark Office procedures and standards, is it trademark
13 use? Mr. Anderson said no. Again, the decision is up to
14 you, but you can consider that testimony.

15 Let me show you one more example that
16 Ms. Kramers-Dove put up as an example of trademark use, and
17 this is actually one that I showed you during my opening
18 statement, if you can remember that far back, a web page from
19 2001. This is not even the landing page for the myFICO
20 website. But again, what do we see? Do we see at the top
21 "300 to 850 score," "Get your 300 to 850 score"? We see
22 "myFICO," we see their trademarks, their source indicators,
23 and where is 300 to 850 referenced? Let's pull it up. And
24 it says there: "Most U.S. consumers score between 300 and
25 850." Now, this one isn't even telling you that that's the

1 exact score range. It's sort of saying that's what most
2 consumers get.

3 But if you recall, Ms. Kramers-Dove was asked
4 during her cross-examination has Fair Isaac -- does Fair
5 Isaac have a trademark in the term "between 300 and 850"?
6 Remember, the trademark is 300-850. She was asked do they
7 have a trademark in the phrase "between 300 and 850," and she
8 wasn't able to say that they do. And she was also asked does
9 Fair Isaac have a trademark in the phrase "from 300 to 850"?
10 Again, Fair Isaac doesn't have a trademark in that phrase
11 "from 300 to 850." So you're going to have to be the judge
12 whether these uses of 300 to 850 come anywhere close to
13 amounting to trademark use, and if you find that they don't,
14 that can be enough alone for you to find no secondary
15 meaning.

16 Now, there are some other factors too. Let's go
17 back to our -- or wait. Before we do that one, still
18 focusing on the use of 300 to 850, I want to talk about this
19 issue of notice, because that's another thing.

20 You know, one of the functions of a trademark is to
21 put the world on notice that you're claiming trademark
22 rights, that you're claiming to be the owner of that term in
23 that industry, and here the evidence is really striking, it's
24 unanimous, about the lack of notice that people in this
25 industry had that anybody was claiming trademark rights in a

1 scoring range. You won't see a document inside Experian's or
2 TransUnion's files that says: "Hey, we think there's a
3 trademark in a score range." You heard the testimony from
4 Mr. Oliai and Mr. Williams from Experian, and they both said
5 they never heard of a trademark in a score range.
6 Mr. Danaher from TransUnion said the same thing. And
7 significantly, so did the two gentlemen who came in who
8 aren't involved in this litigation, Mr. Wilson and
9 Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Wilson from ChoicePoint,
10 Mr. Christiansen with LexisNexis. Now, they're both owned by
11 LexisNexis, but they both worked at separate companies that
12 ended up being acquired by LexisNexis, and both of those
13 companies had developed scoring products with ranges
14 overlapping 300 to 850. And they came in here -- they're not
15 parties to the case, they do business with both sides here,
16 so they don't have a stake in the outcome, and they said they
17 never heard of a trademark in a score range.

18 We didn't see any evidence of Fair Isaac writing
19 letters, putting the world on notice: "Hey you're using an
20 overlapping score range. Stop it. We've got a trademark."
21 You didn't see anything like that until Fair Isaac started
22 writing letters after -- in the middle part of 2006, even
23 though, again, they claim trademark rights going back to
24 2001. Focusing on this period from mid-2004 and earlier,
25 because again that's the period you need to focus on for

1 secondary meaning, again, focus on whether you see any
2 evidence that Fair Isaac used that TM symbol to put people on
3 notice.

4 Now, Fair Isaac's lawyers have made a big point out
5 of the fact that there's no legal requirement to put the --
6 to use a TM symbol, and that's true, we're not debating that,
7 but if you really want to put the world on notice that you
8 have a trademark, that's what you do. You use that trademark
9 symbol. And if you mess up every now and then and you don't
10 put it in, that's not a big deal, but it's when you never use
11 it that it's a different issue, and I would ask you again
12 look to see before mid-2004 if you see any instances of that
13 kind of trademark usage.

14 And, you know, it's especially true here the use of
15 the trademark, because as we heard, Fair Isaac has its own
16 manuals, its own guidelines internally that say thou shalt
17 use the TM symbol, so they didn't use it here.

18 Now, Fair Isaac's lawyers have said -- and we heard
19 this from Ms. Kramers-Dove -- that there was confusion out
20 there because different -- the Fair Isaac name -- different
21 companies were using different brand names to sell the FICO
22 score. The Beacon score, the Empirica score all were FICO
23 scores. You heard that testimony. And they said: Well, we
24 needed to adopt a uniform number range for our score because
25 that was going to be the way we would uniquely identify our

1 score because of all this confusion over the different brand
2 names. Well, there are a couple observations I want to make
3 on that.

4 The first one is, simply saying that is not an
5 excuse for not actually using that term as a trademark, using
6 it in that featured way that we've talked about. So simply
7 saying yeah, I want to have a uniform identifier doesn't
8 mean it's a trademark, doesn't mean that secondary meaning
9 has kicked in. You have to promote it. You have to do the
10 things necessary to make people aware.

11 So, if you think about it, and again, if they
12 really serious about using 300 to 850 as their unique
13 identifier, we would have seen 300 to 850 being featured,
14 right? That's going to be the way they identify this thing,
15 but why would they use FICO? That's the brand name that's
16 causing confusion because people are using different names.
17 Why do we still see FICO up there at the top of the ads and
18 we don't see 300 to 850?

19 And the other thing that's interesting about that
20 claim that they needed 300 to 850 to just make sure that
21 everybody knew that that was that one single score -- let's
22 put up --

23 This is EX 16. This is a document from Fair Isaac
24 files, it's in evidence, and you see they reference here
25 Classic FICO scores. The score range is 300 to 850.

1 Let's go to the next one. This is another page
2 from the same document. And then they've got these --
3 they've got these sector scores that we've heard about. And
4 if you recall during the cross-examination of
5 Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Larus made a big deal out of the
6 difference between those sector scores, the auto specific
7 scores, the mortgage, the different sector scores and the
8 basic FICO score.

9 Well, these different scores, look at the ranges.
10 300 to 850. So Fair Isaac is selling two different sets of
11 scores using that score range that they're saying is going to
12 be the unique identifier. It just doesn't make sense. You
13 have to use your common sense and sort of evaluate whether
14 these explanations make any sense.

15 So I'm going to leave trademark use at this point,
16 but I think you'll see that the evidence shows that Fair
17 Isaac has certainly not before mid-2004 used 300 to 850 as a
18 trademark.

19 Let's go to the second item that Judge Montgomery
20 -- one of the factors that Judge Montgomery is going to talk
21 to you about on secondary meaning, and this is the issue of,
22 you know, what evidence is there about consumer association
23 between 300 to 850 and a single source.

24 And I would just observe at the outset here that
25 just -- the mere fact that Fair Isaac sells a lot of scores

1 -- and they certainly do, hundreds of billions of scores,
2 they are the giant in this industry, no question, but the
3 fact that they sell a lot of scores does not mean that on its
4 own that consumers associate, people like you and me
5 associate 300 to 850 with a particular source. That's not
6 proof of that kind of association.

7 The most common way that you go about determining
8 whether there is this kind of association is you do a survey.
9 You go out and get a cross section of the population and you
10 ask them the direct question. And Fair Isaac, they had a
11 survey expert. That was Mr. Berger. You heard him testify.
12 And he was the gentleman who did not use a control group,
13 didn't use a representative sample, didn't analyze his data
14 correctly. You may recall Professor Jacoby came in and
15 testified in no uncertain terms what he thought of
16 Mr. Berger's work. In the end you're going to have to judge
17 whether Mr. Berger -- whether Mr. Berger's work was valid
18 survey work, but right now my point is a different one.

19 Mr. Berger did not ask a secondary meaning
20 question. He didn't say to his survey participants: "Do you
21 associate 300 to 850 with any particular source?" You will
22 not see 300 to 850 in any of the questions that Mr. Berger
23 asked and you're going to get some of those materials that
24 Mr. Berger discussed back to the jury room with you, and take
25 a look. He did not ask the secondary meaning question.

1 The only person -- the only survey expert who came
2 in and asked that direct question was Mr. Johnson, who did
3 the work for the defendants. He asked about the association
4 between 300 and 850 and Fair Isaac, and if you recall, what
5 he found is that there is almost no association between 300
6 and 850 and Fair Isaac.

7 Now, Fair Isaac has a lot of criticisms about what
8 Mr. Johnson did. Mr. Larus got up here and he cross-examined
9 him for it seemed like hours, days. Anyway, they had a lot
10 of criticisms and you're going to have to judge for yourself
11 whether Mr. Johnson had a good rationale for the way he
12 constructed his survey. Obviously, we think he did. But the
13 question here is -- you know, Fair Isaac is the plaintiff
14 here. They have the burden of proof with evidence to show
15 secondary meaning. We don't have to show the nonexistence of
16 secondary meaning. They have to prove it. And if they had
17 criticisms about the kinds of questions that Mr. Johnson
18 asked, why didn't they ask Mr. Berger to go do a survey
19 asking the direct question and not having those kinds of
20 concerns with it that Mr. Larus was going through with
21 Mr. Johnson? You have to be the judge of why they didn't do
22 that. Was it because they were afraid of what the answer
23 would be?

24 You also heard from Ms. Kramers-Dove and she
25 testified that she was not aware whether Fair Isaac had done

1 any kind of testing on this issue of secondary meaning before
2 this lawsuit was filed, so there's no evidence in the record
3 right now that anybody at Fair Isaac had any idea about
4 whether consumers had this kind of direct association between
5 300 to 850 and a single source before they filed this
6 lawsuit.

7 Now, you also heard testimony by videotape of
8 Mr. Thomas Quinn of Fair Isaac, and he's -- here's his
9 picture. He's a leader in the product management/client
10 support group at Fair Isaac.

11 In addition to that video testimony that you saw,
12 Judge Montgomery has admitted into evidence an interview --
13 summary of an interview of Mr. Quinn done by an advertising
14 firm called Olson, and this was a firm that Fair Isaac had
15 retained to do some work for it and Olson conducted an
16 interview and asked some questions of some Fair Isaac
17 employees, including Mr. Quinn.

18 And this document will be back in the jury room
19 with you so you can review it. It's EX 310 and here's one of
20 the questions and the answers that Mr. Quinn gave. He was
21 asked -- and this was in 2006. Keep the date in mind. This
22 was in July of 2006, so we're talking well after that
23 mid-2004 time period that really matters for secondary
24 meaning here. And he was asked: "What would consumers say
25 Fair Isaac is best at?" And his answer? "Would have never

1 heard of Fair Isaac. Don't know what it is, what it
2 does ... the name doesn't exactly roll off the tongue."

3 Another Fair Isaac employee that you heard from by
4 video deposition, Mr. Andy Jolls of Fair Isaac, he was the
5 head -- for a period of time the head of Fair Isaac's
6 consumer business, the myFICO business. He testified during
7 the defendants' case by video, but he was also interviewed by
8 Olson and there was a summary prepared and Judge Montgomery
9 admitted that one into evidence. That's EX 309 and you'll
10 see that back in the room when you deliberate.

11 So Mr. Jolls was asked: "How would your consumers
12 describe the FICO score?" "Most can't." "What would
13 consumers say Fair Isaac is best at?" "Most can't." Most
14 consumers don't know that much about credit scoring. Most
15 consumers don't have an association with Fair Isaac or any
16 other scoring service. You heard that from Mr. Danaher and
17 there's no evidence to the contrary.

18 Now, you're going to have to be the judge here
19 again, but please keep these pieces of evidence in mind as
20 you consider what the evidence is about consumer association
21 between 300 to 850 and a single source.

22 Let's quickly cover some of these other factors
23 here. Exclusivity. I won't spend a lot of time on that, but
24 one of the factors is, was Fair Isaac ever the only one using
25 score ranges overlapping 300 to 850 in the credit scoring

1 space. Mr. Oliai came in from Experian and walked you
2 through -- constructed this timeline. And there are other
3 documents that were introduced into evidence that talk about
4 these scores as well, but as you know, going way back to the
5 early period of credit scoring, late 1980s, early 1990s, Fair
6 Isaac has never been the only supplier of credit scores with
7 ranges overlapping 300 to 850, and that's true. You know,
8 Fair Isaac wants to draw a big clean distinction between the
9 lender market and the consumer market and they say don't
10 worry about the lender market. Only focus on the consumer
11 market. But as we've heard, there is a connection and
12 Mr. Schutz in his opening did recognize that there's a
13 spillover is I think the term he used between the two, and
14 that's because in the consumer market you're selling
15 educational scores that are trying to give lenders (sic) a
16 feel for what they might see from their lenders, and lenders
17 are using a lot of different scores. Fair Isaac's the
18 biggest, to be sure, but they're not the only one, and so
19 there is a connection.

20 But in the lender space it's clear Fair Isaac has
21 never been exclusive and in the consumer space that's true as
22 well. Fair Isaac introduced its score, its FICO score, to
23 consumers in 2001. You heard from Mr. Oliai that Experian
24 launched its National Consumer Score, the first score that it
25 sold to consumers, in 2000 with the 340 to 820 range, so Fair

1 Isaac hasn't been exclusive in either segment.

2 Okay. Let's go back to the list of factors.

3 Advertisement. I won't spend a lot of time because we've
4 kind of covered this, has Fair Isaac advertised 300 to 850.

5 Did you hear anybody come in and say: "We spend X
6 amount of dollars advertising, doing TV commercials, doing
7 radio, doing whatever, doing Internet banner ads, whatever it
8 takes"? You didn't hear any testimony about that, none at
9 all. I played for you at the beginning -- and you may recall
10 in my opening statement I played for you the one and only TV
11 commercial that Fair Isaac has ever put out, and this was for
12 the Super Bowl in 2003. Remember that? You probably don't,
13 but that will be back in evidence and you'll be able to look
14 at it if you want to see it again.

15 But the key point is that that commercial, their
16 big shot at the consumer market, did not even mention 300 to
17 850. The term never gets mentioned, in graphics, in the
18 voice over, at all. What do they use? Their real source
19 indicators, FICO, myFICO, their real trademarks. That was
20 the only -- that's the only TV advertising they've done. Did
21 you hear about any radio, billboards, magazines, whatever
22 else? You didn't hear any evidence like that for FICO at
23 all, let alone 300 to 850.

24 And you heard from Mr. Danaher, from Mr. Williams
25 of Experian, about how -- that aggressive TV advertising and

1 the -- you know, the banner ads and things like that. It's
2 expensive, but that's the way you succeed in marketing a
3 brand in the consumer space. Fair Isaac just never has done
4 that. It has never used 300 to 850 as a brand through its
5 advertising or any other way.

6 Okay. Let's go back to the factors, to the last
7 one, thankfully, and this one is the issue of intentional
8 copying of a trademark. This is the one that Fair Isaac is
9 emphasizing the most. And you'll hear from Judge Montgomery
10 that it can be a factor if you intentionally copy somebody's
11 trademark. That can be a factor on secondary meaning. And
12 Fair Isaac says that Experian copied Fair Isaac's scoring
13 range when it shifted its score range from 300 to 900 to 330
14 to 830, and Mr. Oliai testified about that and the reasons
15 for that.

16 But keep in mind that what this factor is, it says
17 intentional copying of Fair Isaac's trademark, and
18 remember -- let's go back to the timeline. The PLUS Score
19 was introduced in 2003, and Mr. Oliai testified -- and you've
20 heard it again and again, I already talked about it -- about
21 how at that time in that 2003 time period, nobody had an
22 inkling that anybody was claiming a trademark in a score
23 range. Nobody had any idea that Fair Isaac was getting ready
24 to pounce four years later with a trademark claim. So how
25 can you say that Fair Isaac (sic) intentionally copied

1 somebody's trademark when it didn't even know that there was
2 a trademark? It just doesn't make sense.

3 Now, Fair Isaac has said that Experian -- you've
4 heard this again and again. We could have picked any range,
5 any number of ranges, an infinite number, but Mr. Oliai
6 talked with you -- and you've heard it from the other
7 witnesses as well -- that, you know, the PLUS Score was
8 designed to be this educational score. It was designed to
9 give consumers a look and feel of what lenders -- the types
10 of scores lenders were using, which certainly included the
11 FICO score, which was the biggest, but it was others as well
12 and no one thought that there was a trademark.

13 And when it comes to the lender side of the
14 business, you've heard a lot of testimony about how lenders'
15 systems are set up to accommodate three-digit ranges. That's
16 what lenders prefer. And Mr. Oliai said, you know, it's
17 common sense. You want to make -- even though it's
18 technically possible, you could say it's merely cosmetic to
19 have a particular score range, but when your main customers
20 are used to a particular thing like it, you're going to want
21 to make it easy for them to buy your product, especially
22 when, you know, they're going to have to make a switch.

23 Now, every witness has testified -- I mean, every
24 witness that's been asked about this has testified to the
25 same effect. You heard it the other day from Ms. St. John by

1 videotape deposition. She said that the reason -- that one
2 of the reasons that Fair Isaac selected a three-digit range
3 originally was because that's what lenders' systems were set
4 up to accommodate.

5 Mr. Osborne of Fair Isaac by videotape testified
6 that lenders' systems are all calibrated to particular score
7 ranges and it would be a big effort to switch out to some
8 different range.

9 And you also heard the same thing from Mr. Wilson
10 of ChoicePoint and Mr. Christiansen of LexisNexis. They're
11 the ones who aren't parties to this case and they both came
12 in and said the reason they selected three-digit ranges was
13 because that's what they perceived lenders prefer.

14 So that the truth here is that the selection of
15 score ranges was driven by customer desires, the desires to
16 please customers and to compete, not by any kind of desire to
17 copy a trademark, because again, at these points in time
18 nobody even realized anybody was claiming trademark rights.

19 So, that brings me to the end of the secondary
20 meaning factors and I would just -- let's go back to the
21 list. I would just -- I would just sum it up by emphasizing
22 again that you need to focus on whether this secondary
23 meaning has been shown before that 2004 time frame, because
24 that's the ultimate decision here.

25 Now -- and again, if you find that secondary

1 meaning was not established by mid-2004 in 300 to 850, then
2 you would answer no either to the first question and/or no to
3 the second question on the jury verdict form and that's the
4 end of the 300 to 850 case.

5 I do need to go a little bit further, though,
6 because let's -- even if you were to find that secondary
7 meaning did come into play at some point, you still have to
8 find infringement in order to find against my client,
9 Experian. And as you're going to hear from the judge, the
10 only way you can infringe a valid trademark is if the
11 evidence shows that consumers were likely to be confused
12 about the source of the product you're selling by the way you
13 used that allegedly infringing thing. In this case it would
14 be the 330 to 830 score range of Experian.

15 And, you know, Judge Montgomery again is going to
16 give you some factors that you can consider and let's just
17 put up a representative group of the factors here.

18 The first one is the strength of the 300 to 850
19 trademark. You know, you heard from Mr. Anderson, he went
20 through that list of the types of trademarks, you know,
21 running from fanciful down to suggestive, down all the way to
22 generic, and descriptive was the second to the bottom on that
23 list. And at most -- if you find that 300 to 850 ever
24 acquired secondary meaning -- and again, I think the evidence
25 says exactly the opposite -- at most this thing is a weak

1 trademark and you can factor that in as to whether anybody's
2 likely to be confused by the way Experian used its score
3 range. And really in a lot of ways the most important factor
4 here is how did Experian use its score range. Did it use it,
5 did it present itself in a way that was likely to make people
6 think they were getting a FICO score.

7 And let's take a look -- I'm running out of time
8 here, but Mr. Williams from Experian walked you through a
9 comprehensive set of Experian's websites and the ways in
10 which it communicates its scoring services to the public, and
11 Experian has major websites. Things like National Score
12 Index you heard about, CreditXpert, freecreditreport.com, and
13 here's National Score Index. Again, you have to be looking
14 at is Experian using its score range in a way -- in a
15 trademark way. Is it featuring or trying to make people
16 think: Hey, I could get the 300 to 850 score here.

17 Where is the score range on this page? Well, it's
18 way down here at the bottom, 300 to 900, so this was right
19 after Experian introduced 300 to 850. Is that featuring it?
20 And what's it doing there? It's telling you what the scoring
21 range is. And is there anything about this web page that
22 would make you think this is something from Fair Isaac? It
23 says Experian all over the place.

24 Let's just blow up this piece here. You know, it
25 says the PLUS score. It doesn't say anything that sounds

1 like a FICO score. And right underneath it says "Developed
2 by Experian."

3 Let's go to the next -- and, you know, you see
4 Experian trademarks all over the place. This is the next
5 page -- this is the next page on that website, and again
6 Experian trademarks being featured. And where is the score
7 range? Well, down here. And what's it doing there? It's
8 telling you what the score range is. It's describing this
9 product. It's not featuring it as a trademark. It's not
10 using it as a way to confuse people to think they're getting
11 a Fair Isaac score.

12 Let's very quickly go to the freecreditreport.com.
13 This freecreditreport.com is Experian's big website. It's
14 its flagship website. It's the one you see in these
15 commercials on TV all the time with these guys playing
16 guitar. They are really featuring -- they're advertising
17 that brand.

18 But let's look at freecreditreport.com's landing
19 page. Is 330 to 830 even mentioned? Is 330 to 830 being
20 used to tell you that this is what we're selling, the 330 to
21 830 score? No. They're not featuring the score range, using
22 this thing as a trademark. And what do we see? We see
23 Experian, we see Experian's trademarks, the ones that it is
24 promoting as indicators of source.

25 And on every web page -- Mr. Williams talked to you

1 about this -- on every web page of Experian there's also this
2 page that tells you about the PLUS score, and it contains
3 that same language that I talked to you about on the National
4 Score Index web page, and let's just -- you know, the
5 Experian-developed PLUS score, the score range, ranging from
6 330 to 830. These websites are not -- are being up front
7 this is Experian, and you're going to have to be the judges.
8 By these websites, is Experian trying to make people believe
9 that they are getting a 300 to 850 FICO score?

10 Now, Mr. Schutz put up a TV commercial and a whole
11 bunch of banner ads, you saw the big stack, and focusing on
12 the fact that those banner ads and the TV commercials
13 reference numbers, and here's just some examples.

14 In that big stack of banner ads, for example, take
15 a look and virtually every one of these banner ads has a
16 trademark on it, Experian, consumerinfo.com, and it's using
17 numbers, but Ms. Kramers-Dove admitted during her
18 cross-examination that Fair Isaac doesn't have a trademark in
19 individual numbers. It couldn't claim that it had a
20 trademark in individual numbers. And you won't see 330 to
21 830 being featured in any of those banner ads or the like.
22 It's just not there. So you should consider, if you even get
23 to this issue, the way in which -- look through these
24 websites and consider the way in which Experian was marketing
25 itself, was it trying to make people think that it was Fair

1 Isaac selling the 300 to 850 score.

2 Okay. Let's go back to the factors very quickly
3 here. Surveys. I won't talk about them any further. Mr.
4 Berger is Fair Isaac's survey expert on likelihood of
5 confusion. I won't say any more about that.

6 Let's go to the next factor, evidence of actual
7 confusion. This gets me back to the discussion I had at the
8 opening with you about what is the right kind of confusion.
9 You're going to hear from Judge Montgomery in the
10 instructions that general confusion about credit scoring or
11 credit reports isn't sufficient to show likelihood of
12 confusion because that's the wrong kind of confusion. We all
13 know there's a lot of confusion out there about credit
14 scores, who sells them, what they are, et cetera. The kind
15 of confusion that matters here is confusion about source
16 arising from the score range, so it would have to be somebody
17 saying: "You know, I bought the 330 to 830 score from
18 Experian, and because I know that 300 to 850 is associated
19 with one source or with Fair Isaac, by buying that Experian
20 score I thought I was getting a FICO score." That's the
21 right kind of confusion. That's the kind of confusion that
22 you need to see whether any of it exists.

23 Now, Mr. Schutz will perhaps talk to you about some
24 of the consumers calling in or writing e-mails and things
25 like that with questions and maybe even complaints, and I

1 just want to show you one example to give you a flavor for
2 this.

3 One of the e-mails, somebody writes in and says:
4 "Is my PLUS score from Experian and my FICO score the same?
5 What are the differences, if any?"

6 Okay. Is that confusion about score range?
7 There's no suggestion that this person at all is confused
8 about score range. This person knows that he or she got an
9 Experian score and a FICO score and is asking what's the
10 difference. That's not the right kind of confusion. So I
11 would ask you as you go through the evidence to see if you
12 see any evidence of that kind of confusion, the right kind of
13 confusion.

14 Okay. You are also going to hear about some
15 defenses that would only -- you would only need to get to
16 these, again, if you find that 300 to 850 was ever used as a
17 trademark, it developed secondary meaning in time and there
18 was infringement, but it's important to think about some of
19 these defenses and Judge Montgomery will give you the full
20 legal standard on those, but one of those in particular I
21 want to focus on, fair use. And you're going to hear from
22 Judge Montgomery that it's a complete defense to a trademark
23 claim if a defendant uses a trademark term simply to describe
24 its services and not as a trademark and does that in good
25 faith. That's called fair use. And we've already talked

1 about how Experian presented itself and how it used and
2 marketed its scores, and I'd ask you if you even get to this
3 point really consider those uses by -- those communications
4 by Fair -- by Experian, I'm sorry -- and ask yourself is
5 Experian using 330 to 830 as a trademark. I don't think
6 you're going to find any examples of that.

7 All right. I'm coming up to the end here and I
8 want to just make one -- a couple of last observations. And
9 you might be asking yourself, you know: Why is Fair Isaac
10 doing this? Why is it pursuing this lawsuit if this
11 trademark is so worthless?

12 Well, you heard from Mr. Danaher about how Fair
13 Isaac hasn't been willing to sort of invest the money, the
14 big resources to really advertise aggressively in the
15 consumer space and to do what it needs to do. And Fair Isaac
16 is used to being dominant in the lender space. It's got the
17 big lion's share of the market.

18 But remember there was this pie chart that came up
19 in Mr. Danaher's examination and it showed that Experian had,
20 like, 37 percent of the market; another company,
21 Intersections, another supplier, had a big percentage. And
22 FICO is kind of low here and even if you count Equifax, it's
23 still behind those others and that kind of made Fair Isaac
24 very happy. And this is from 2005. So also, you heard about
25 the entry of VantageScore in 2006, which was something that

1 was going to put pressure on Fair Isaac. And so it had a
2 choice. It could sue or it could compete, it could invest
3 the money in competing, and you're going to have to make a
4 decision about what it actually -- what choice it made here.

5 Now, what Fair Isaac wants to achieve here with
6 this case goes beyond just money. I mean, they're asking for
7 damages, but what it wants to do is it wants to block
8 Experian, TransUnion and VantageScore from competing with
9 three-digit scoring ranges. And without the ability to use
10 those three-digit ranges, as we've heard, it's going to be
11 very difficult for those companies to compete. And so I
12 would ask you as you go back and consider the evidence, look
13 at the evidence and decide for yourself has Fair Isaac ever
14 used 300 to 850 as a valid trademark.

15 Thank you so much again for your patience and time.

16 THE COURT: All right. Let's take a standing
17 stretch break. Any of you -- we're going to have use our
18 time carefully this morning. Any of you that need to make a
19 bathroom run, feel free to do it now. We're going to go
20 ahead and have a longer break after Mr. Remele's argument,
21 but if you need to make a quick exit or any of the attorneys
22 do, we'll stand and stretch for a couple minutes to give
23 anybody that really needs to get to the bathroom a chance to
24 do so. Now I've embarrassed you all so that nobody --

25 (Laughter)

1 THE COURT: Okay. If I leave, would anyone else
2 leave?

3 Looks like you can all make it, so we'll stretch a
4 little bit. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to embarrass anyone.

5 (Pause)

6 THE COURT: All right. Please be seated.

7 We will now proceed to the argument of TransUnion
8 as given by their counsel, Mr. Lewis Remele.

9 Mr. Remele.

10 MR. REMELE: Thank you, your Honor.

11 **DEFENDANT TRANSUNION, LLC'S CLOSING ARGUMENT**

12 MR. REMELE: Good morning.

13 As you've now heard, the judge has shared the
14 instructions that she's going to give to you after everybody
15 has argued and she's also shared with us the verdict form
16 that you heard a little bit about, and so we're at a little
17 bit of an advantage over you in the sense that we already
18 know what she's going to tell you. And so what I hope to do
19 is to go through each of these questions on the verdict form
20 and how the law that the judge is going to give you
21 integrates with these particular questions as well as the
22 evidence, at least as we see it, from TransUnion's
23 perspective. And my hope is that at the end of my argument
24 I'll have provided you some guidance or assistance on how you
25 should answer this particular verdict form at least from

1 TransUnion's perspective.

2 Before I do that, though, I also want to take a
3 chance to thank you for your service as jurors. Mr. Danaher
4 and TransUnion are very appreciative of the fact that you've
5 taken time from your busy lives and all the things that
6 you're doing to come here and help us resolve this dispute.
7 We know it involves a sacrifice and we really do appreciate
8 it. And as Mr. Milne said, your patience has been biblical
9 and we also, all of the lawyers, greatly appreciate that.

10 Before I talk about the actual verdict form, I want
11 to talk to you -- I want to highlight for you some general
12 instructions that the judge is going to give you. Some of
13 these you've heard a little bit. You may not remember when
14 the judge talked about them at the beginning of the case.
15 These are instructions that are basically given in every
16 case, every civil case, and I think that sometimes we lawyers
17 gloss over them, but they're very important.

18 The first one that I think is very important and
19 that I always talk to jurors about in cases like this is the
20 instruction on how to judge the credibility of witnesses.
21 You may remember that the judge indicated you're going to be
22 the judges of the facts and she's going to read you a fairly
23 long instruction about some guidelines that you might use in
24 determining whether particular witnesses are telling the
25 truth or evaluating the evidence as you've seen it over the

1 last few weeks and as you'll then get a chance to review it
2 in the jury room whether it's credible or not.

3 But what I want to underscore -- and you're going
4 hear this in the instruction and you've heard a little bit
5 about it already -- is, she's going to tell you that you
6 should use your common sense. And the reason I think that's
7 so important is that I have a lot of friends that ask me on a
8 regular basis: "How is it that you can bring a bunch of
9 people off the street into a courtroom, assault them with
10 very complex information, how can that possibly work?" And I
11 always say: "It's easy." And the reason it's easy is
12 because when you walk through the front door of the
13 courtroom, nobody said you were supposed to leave your common
14 sense in the hallway. And the reason why the jury system is
15 great and it works is, when you all go back in the jury room,
16 you're going apply all of your life experiences collectively,
17 all your wisdom, all your judgment that you have from your
18 various experience in life, and you're going to use your
19 common sense to evaluate the facts of this particular case,
20 so you're going to hear me refer to that a little bit when I
21 talk about the verdict form.

22 The second general instruction the judge is going
23 to give you is that a party isn't required to call all the
24 witnesses that might have knowledge or facts about the case,
25 nor is it required to bring into the courtroom every possible

1 exhibit or document that might be applicable to the case, and
2 that's true and she'll give you that instruction and you'll
3 hear it.

4 But she's also going to tell you another thing, and
5 that is that Fair Isaac in its infringement claim, which
6 we'll talk about in a minute, has the burden of proving that.
7 And what that means is -- and she'll explain it to you -- is
8 that they have to prove by a greater weight of the evidence
9 that it's more true than not true that we, TransUnion, have
10 infringed upon their trademark.

11 The only witness that Fair Isaac brought to this
12 trial was Ms. Kramers-Dove, by her own admission somebody who
13 doesn't work in the consumer side of the business, which is
14 what this case is about, and didn't know anything about
15 trademarks. So your common sense might tell you that if
16 somebody has the burden of proving a claim, that it might be
17 an indication of the strength of their claim if the only
18 witness they brought into the courtroom was somebody who had
19 no knowledge about all the things we've been talking about
20 for the past three to four weeks.

21 It also might suggest to you that as you noticed,
22 the way they tried to prove their case was by calling our
23 witnesses and cross-examining them. Again, it might be a
24 suggestion if you use your common sense about the strength of
25 the particular claim that they're making.

1 Let's talk about the verdict form. And you're
2 going to have this when the judge gives you instructions and
3 so I'm going to read this to you so it'll become familiar to
4 you.

5 But this verdict form is basically divided into
6 categories of four questions. The first three questions
7 relate to this claim of infringement.

8 Then there's going to be a series of questions --
9 they're actually at the end of the verdict form -- that
10 relate to our claim that Fair Isaac committed fraud on the
11 Patent Office, the Trademark Office, when it submitted its
12 trademark registration.

13 Then there's a series of questions in a category
14 called affirmative defenses, the defendants' affirmative
15 defenses, and I'll talk to you about those and what those are
16 and what they mean and why they're important.

17 And then lastly there's questions about damages.

18 As Mr. Milne indicated to you, there's instructions
19 on the verdict form and you're going to see that if you
20 answer the question -- like Question Number 1 a certain way,
21 there's going to be an instruction that you don't need to
22 answer some of the other questions, and there are going to be
23 instructions like that and I'll point them out to you as we
24 go through the verdict form.

25 But even though that's what it says, what I'm going

1 to do is, I want to talk to you about each question on the
2 verdict form and how we believe from TransUnion's perspective
3 you should answer that question on the verdict form, even
4 though it may be as you get through your deliberations that
5 you may end up never getting to those questions, but I want
6 to give our perspective in case you don't necessarily agree
7 with some of the things I'm going to tell you about what
8 TransUnion sees as the evidence.

9 So let's talk about the question on the
10 infringement claim. The judge is going to give you an
11 instruction that there are two elements to the infringement
12 claim and those two elements are this: In order to prove a
13 claim of infringement -- and this is on the 300-850
14 trademark -- Fair Isaac has to first prove that they have a
15 valid trademark, and that's where this concept of secondary
16 meaning comes in and I'll talk about that in a minute.

17 The second element actually has two parts to it,
18 and it is that if you find that there is secondary meaning,
19 then you go to the second element and the second element is
20 that we used that trademark, TransUnion used it, without Fair
21 Isaac's consent in an attempt to try to confuse consumers,
22 ordinary consumers, as to the source of that particular
23 trademark.

24 So those are the two elements and, as you might
25 have guessed, they relate to the first three questions on the

1 verdict form.

2 So the first question on the verdict form is this:
3 "Has '300-850' acquired secondary meaning?" And it's -- the
4 simple instruction is yes or no. I think you probably
5 gathered from everything you've been hearing over the last
6 few weeks that we would suggest to you from TransUnion's
7 perspective the answer to that question is no. Why do I say
8 that?

9 Here's what the judge -- Mr. Milne talked to you a
10 little bit about this, but I'm going to tell you -- I'm going
11 to focus in on some things at least from TransUnion's
12 perspective. Here's what she's going to tell you secondary
13 meaning is.

14 She's going to tell you that basically: "A term
15 acquires secondary meaning when it has been used in such a
16 way that its primary significance in the minds of the
17 prospective consumers is not the product itself, but the
18 identification of the product with a single source,
19 regardless of whether consumers know who or what that source
20 is."

21 So I was thinking about this last night and I was
22 trying to think: How can I capsulize all this legalese for
23 you and try to give you some illustration of what do we
24 really mean by secondary meaning, and the old adage came to
25 mind that a picture's worth a thousand words.

1 And, Ryan, could you put up that -- there it is.
2 And here's what I put together, I crafted. And what it is
3 is, we look at all of these -- visualize yourself driving
4 down the road and you see a billboard, and if you saw a
5 billboard that had any of these common logos that we see
6 there, you would immediately associate those with a
7 particular product, a particular company, some source.
8 That's what we mean by source. But what would you do if you
9 were driving down the road and you saw a billboard that had
10 300-850? Would you associate that with anything? You'd be
11 probably asking yourself: "What the heck is that? What are
12 they talking about? What are those numbers?" That's what
13 we're talking about in a very general way when we talk about
14 secondary meaning, and I would suggest to you it's that
15 simple in terms of how you can answer this question on the
16 verdict form, that if you think and use your common sense,
17 how could anybody associate with source with 300-850.

18 But the judge is going to tell you -- as you go
19 further in this instruction, she's going to give you some
20 guidelines about what you might -- some factors you might
21 think about to determine whether this is secondary meaning,
22 and I'm going to talk to you about each one of those, because
23 I think they're important and they overlap with some of the
24 other things I'm going to talk to you about on the verdict
25 form, so hopefully I won't be repeating myself.

1 The first factor: whether the consumers who
2 purchase the products or services that bear a 300-850
3 trademark associate that trademark with a single source.

4 Well, let's go back to Mr. Danaher's testimony on
5 this subject, and I think, hopefully, you heard from Mr. --
6 you understood and heard from Mr. Danaher that what Fair
7 Isaac -- its whole position in this case is that it felt that
8 because it had such prominence in the lender market, the
9 business market, that that would easily translate over to the
10 consumer market and that consumers -- because lenders knew
11 who Fair Isaac was, consumers would immediately associate --
12 once they started hearing about credit scores, they'd
13 associate the FICO score with Fair Isaac and they'd associate
14 the score range 300 to 850.

15 That's what Mr. Danaher talked about, the indirect
16 method of marketing as opposed to direct marketing, and you
17 heard him tell you that in fact he conducted that experiment.
18 He set up two storefronts. One storefront sold FICO scores
19 through TransUnion, through the TrueCredit operation, the
20 other storefront, they sold TrueCredit scores directly to
21 consumers. And you heard what he told you, that the only --
22 in the time that he was doing this, none of the consumers
23 associated 300 to 850 with Fair Isaac, or with TrueCredit, or
24 with anybody for that matter. You heard him tell you that
25 most consumers during this period and even up to the present

1 time don't know even what a credit score is much less who the
2 brand is. You saw some of those percentages and he told you
3 even in TrueCredit's case where they've done a tremendous
4 amount of advertising and Experian's case where they've
5 really done a lot of advertising, consumers still don't even
6 associate those brands, and they clearly don't associate a
7 particular product with 300-850, and the reason is because
8 Fair Isaac has chosen to use this indirect method of
9 marketing. They've chosen to try to play off of their
10 strength with lenders hoping that will spill over into the
11 consumer market, and as Mr. Danaher told you, that particular
12 marketing strategy has proven to be unsuccessful. As he
13 indicated to you, the only way that you can succeed in the
14 consumer market is if you advertise directly to consumers.

15 The second factor she's going to tell you: to what
16 degree and in what manner Fair Isaac may have advertised
17 under the 300 to 850 trademark. It didn't. It simply didn't
18 do any advertising. We've heard about the fact that all it
19 did was indirect marketing. It didn't want to spend the
20 money to do any advertising relating to the score range much
21 less to its brand, the FICO score.

22 Factor three: whether Fair Isaac successfully used
23 the 300-850 trademark to increase the sales of its products
24 or services. Well, here we call back the evidence -- and I
25 had quite a discussion with Ms. Kramers-Dove about this. You

1 remember the internal guidelines, the almanac, which by the
2 way is Exhibit 137 if you want to look at it when you get
3 back in the jury room, their own internal guidelines about
4 how to use a trademark if in fact you're claiming one back in
5 the '04-'05 time frame. And you remember they said if you're
6 going to use a trademark, you have to use it as an adjective,
7 so here it would be the 300-850 score, the 300-850 FICO
8 score. And we saw a whole bunch of websites, pamphlets,
9 e-mails, information where Fair Isaac has never, never, never
10 used in any of its publishing or its advertisements 300-850
11 as the center of any marketing campaign. And you remember I
12 asked Mr. Danaher has TrueCredit ever used 300-850 as a
13 brand, and he said no. And I said why, and he said because
14 it would never be successful for the same reason as what we
15 looked at on that slide. If you use 300-850 as a brand, who
16 the heck as a consumer would know what you're talking about.
17 You would never do that if you wanted to be successful in
18 marketing to consumers.

19 Factor four, the judge is going to tell you, the
20 length of time and manner in which Fair Isaac used the
21 300-850 trademark. Well, this goes to this issue, as you all
22 know by now, I hope, they kept this secret. Fair Isaac from
23 the time that they claimed they first started to use this in
24 2001 up until 2006 when the Trademark Office issues a
25 registration, Fair Isaac never put anybody on notice, even

1 though in TransUnion's case, as you know, in 2004, in March,
2 it renegotiated its contract with TransUnion. In fact, a
3 month after it had filed its registration with the Trademark
4 Office in February of 2004, never told them about the
5 registration and never amended the agreement to add 300-850
6 as a trademark. Wouldn't you think, particularly when you
7 were going to sell competing products, that if you really
8 felt that you had a trademark or you had exclusive rights to
9 that range you'd tell somebody, particularly a competitor?

10 In June of '04, you remember the agreement that
11 they also negotiated on June 1st of '04 that related
12 specifically to trademarks, again didn't mention 300-850 as a
13 trademark, talking directly with TransUnion during that time
14 period and knowing, knowing, knowing that TransUnion was
15 selling at that time the TrueCredit score with a score range
16 of 300-850. How do we know that? Mr. Danaher told you that
17 he had numerous conversations with the myFICO people during
18 2004 to tell them that they were using 300 to 850 to sell the
19 TrueCredit score, which was competing with FICO, never heard
20 a peep from Fair Isaac that there was anything wrong with
21 that, that they had any exclusive rights.

22 Mr. Jolls, who you heard from in deposition
23 testimony, who was the head of myFICO, you heard Mr. Danaher
24 say: I know Mr. Jolls knew, because he bought our products
25 on our website. And Mr. Jolls confirmed that in his

1 deposition, that he in fact was a subscriber to TrueCredit.

2 And we all know because you've seen it
3 *ad nauseam* that when you went on our TrueCredit website, one
4 of the first things you saw was the scale that we used which
5 showed the range of 300 to 850. Nobody was trying to hide
6 that. So in Fair Isaac's case, it simply didn't use the 300
7 to 850. It never used it on a exclusive basis.

8 And that's the next factor, whether Fair Isaac's
9 use of the 300-850 trademark was exclusive. It wasn't. In
10 fact, not only wasn't it exclusive, it tried to hide the fact
11 that it was filing a registration from TransUnion and
12 Experian and it never used or put on notice any of its
13 competitors by using symbols or telling them -- forget about
14 symbols. How about just a letter? How about when you're
15 negotiating with them telling them: "Hey, we think we have
16 exclusive rights to this"? Never did it, even though it was
17 clearly required under their internal company guidelines as
18 we saw both in the almanac and in the guidelines. And why
19 did they have those? Exactly for the reason that we are
20 doing what we're doing here today, that I'm here arguing
21 before you that if you don't put people on notice that you
22 have exclusive rights, you're going to lose the ability to
23 enforce those rights. And that's exactly what that almanac
24 says and that's what those guidelines say, and that's why
25 they try to emphasize to Fair Isaac employees that they

1 should use those symbols.

2 Factor six: whether the defendants intentionally
3 copied Fair Isaac's 300 to 850 trademark. Here you're going
4 to -- this is Fair Isaac's case. TransUnion used 300-850 to
5 sell TrueCredit scores. We've never hidden from that. I
6 told you that in my opening statement, Mr. Danaher admitted
7 it, and what this factor really gets at is the intention
8 part, were we intending to do that to try to confuse people
9 or trick consumers into believing they were buying a FICO
10 score when they were buying a TrueCredit score. Again, you
11 heard mountains of evidence, particularly from Mr. Danaher,
12 that consumers don't know what 300 to 850 is. They don't
13 associate it with anything and they certainly aren't confused
14 by it.

15 But you also heard from Mr. Danaher that his
16 business model is such that when he's directly advertising to
17 people, it costs him between 70 to \$80 to get a customer.
18 And what he wants to sell them is not a credit score. I
19 mean, that's part of it, but that's a very small part of it.
20 What he wants to sell them -- he wants to make them loyal
21 customers so they'll become subscribers and they'll continue
22 to be with TrueCredit on a monthly basis over a long period
23 of time so that he can recover the money that he spent to try
24 to obtain that customer. And I think based on his
25 description, I think it was quite clear that it wouldn't make

1 any business sense to try to confuse people or trick people
2 into buying your product thinking they're buying another
3 product. What sense would that make? It would be the
4 dumbest business decision you could ever make, because all
5 you do is make people mad and the first thing they're going
6 to do is cancel their subscription.

7 The last piece of this, as you heard, that in fact
8 when Mr. Danaher set up these two storefronts he said:

9 "Okay. I'm going to be selling a product which is a FICO
10 score through the CS website and at the same time I'm going
11 to be selling a TrueCredit score through the TrueCredit
12 website. Both of them have the same score range. One's a
13 FICO score, one's a TrueCredit score. Maybe somebody is
14 going to think that they've gotten a FICO score rather than a
15 TrueCredit score, so what should I do?" Well, right from the
16 beginning in 2003 he put a disclaimer that you saw in the
17 website on the credit page that specifically says: "This is
18 not a FICO score." That's what he did.

19 And then -- that was in December of '03 when they
20 launched the new TrueCredit product with the score range of
21 300 to 850, and ten months later when they were still a
22 minor -- people were calling and saying: "Hey, we still have
23 some issues with this about FICO scores," so what do they do?
24 They redesign the website so that any time you clicked on
25 credit score wherever it appeared in the website on

1 TrueCredit, you would immediately be brought back to the page
2 that had the disclaimer that said: "We don't have" -- "This
3 is not a FICO score." In other words, there wasn't any
4 intent here to try to deceive people, to try to deliberately
5 mislead people by copying something. There was a real
6 attempt here to try to use a test to see whether or not the
7 FICO scores would sell better or the TrueCredit scores would
8 sell better. That's what the concept was with the two
9 storefronts.

10 And that's the next factor that the judge is going
11 to tell you, whether the defendants' uses of scoring ranges
12 claimed to be similar to the 300 to 850 mark has led to
13 actual confusion regarding source.

14 And again, the storefronts -- you know, you heard
15 about surveys, and Mr. Berger never even asked a question
16 about 300-850. His survey is useless. He didn't even ask
17 the question that's been central to this case for three
18 weeks. Mr. Johnson did ask that question. So you might --
19 you know, you might say to yourself: "Well, heck, I heard
20 from those experts and one says one thing and the other says
21 another thing. You know, what are we supposed to" -- "how
22 are we supposed to figure that out? Maybe they cancel each
23 other out."

24 Well, I would suggest to you that the best evidence
25 of the fact that -- we don't really need a survey, because

1 Mr. Danaher conducted the best thing that you can conduct to
2 determine whether people are confused, and that's the fact
3 that he did two storefronts. And he tried to sell FICO
4 scores in this indirect channel based on Fair Isaac's belief
5 that it in fact had gained this notoriety on the lenders'
6 side of the business that was going to translate into the
7 consumer side, and in fact it didn't work. And clearly
8 nobody associated 300 to 850 with that product. If they had,
9 you would have seen that particular storefront selling loads
10 of FICO scores.

11 The next factor is the result of consumer surveys.
12 We touched on that.

13 And the last factor the judge is going to tell you
14 is the extent to which Fair Isaac holds an established place
15 in the market, and that gets to Mr. Danaher's testimony again
16 where remember I asked him: Okay. Let's fast forward now.
17 Here we are today. Where is Fair Isaac in the consumer
18 market? And he said they're non-existent, basically. They
19 just aren't a factor in the consumer market. They're not
20 competing. There are other people that are competing in the
21 marketplace, but the reason they're not competing is because
22 they won't spend the money to do the direct advertising that
23 you need to do in order to be successful in the consumer
24 marketplace.

25 So the answer to Question Number 1 I think should

1 be no when you weigh all those factors that the judge is
2 going to give you.

3 The second thing the judge is going to tell you is
4 that even if you find that there's secondary meaning, that
5 doesn't end the inquiry. The second question is: "Did
6 '300-850' acquire secondary meaning before the following
7 Defendants' allegedly infringing uses?" This is the question
8 did 300 to 850 acquire secondary meaning, identification with
9 a source, in TransUnion's case before December of 2003.
10 That's what Question Number 2 is, and if you answer this --
11 we believe the answer to this question should be no, and
12 here's the reason why I say that:

13 You heard through all of the evidence that this
14 consumer marketplace didn't even get going until 2001.
15 That's when myFICO was established. There wasn't any real
16 sales of consumer -- products to consumers until 2002. You
17 heard that that was the date of the first agreement between
18 TransUnion and FICO, Fair Isaac. So by December of 2003,
19 this is really still a young emerging market.

20 As you've heard somewhat *ad nauseam* from the
21 various witnesses, consumers didn't identify -- they were
22 confused not only about whether or not -- what a credit score
23 was, but they were confused about who was who selling credit
24 scores. They didn't even identify even with particular
25 brands. So clearly by 2003 they hadn't acquired this term of

1 secondary meaning. And by Fair Isaac's own admission, it
2 wasn't doing any advertising between 2002 and 2003 directly
3 to consumers to try to create that kind of secondary meaning,
4 that it would be in the forefront of consumers' minds at that
5 time frame.

6 And why do I say December of '03? I kind of
7 noticed when I had to recall Mr. Danaher the other day,
8 everybody went, "Oh, no. What's going to happen now? Are we
9 going to be here for another week?" And I didn't blame you.
10 And the reason I had to recall him, because I thought it was
11 undisputed that we relaunched the TrueCredit product with the
12 score range of 300 to 850 on December 18th of 2003, because
13 that's what he testified to. Well, in fact, apparently there
14 was some dispute about that, so that's why I introduced those
15 two exhibits, and if you want to look at them, they're
16 Exhibits 112 and 113, and they established clearly that
17 that's when -- on December 18th of 2003 is when TrueCredit
18 launched the new TransRisk score, the new version, using the
19 score of 300 to 850, so that's why I say that's the date. So
20 Question Number 2 should be no.

21 That doesn't still end the question of whether or
22 not there's infringement. We're talking now all about
23 infringement. So the first element, secondary meaning,
24 whether it's valid. The second element is whether or not we,
25 TransUnion or TrueCredit, used this market without Fair

1 Isaac's consent in an attempt to try to confuse ordinary
2 consumers as to its source.

3 So, this is a two-part question and this is
4 Question Number 3 on the verdict form: "Did the following
5 Defendants use a mark the same as or similar to Fair Isaac's
6 '300-850' without Fair Isaac's consent in a manner that is
7 likely to cause confusion about the source, sponsorship or
8 affiliation ...?" Again, we believe the answer to this
9 question should be no. Why do I say that?

10 First, it's clear that we did have Fair Isaac's
11 consent, and why do I say that? Again, go back to this 2004
12 time frame when we negotiated the two contracts with them,
13 never heard a peep from Fair Isaac about the fact that they
14 were claiming exclusive rights to 300 to 850. Secondly,
15 Mr. Danaher's testimony. The myFICO people clearly knew we
16 were using 300 to 850 as the score range for the TrueCredit
17 product. Mr. Jolls confirmed that. That's consent. And if
18 you consent to somebody using your trademark, you can't claim
19 they're infringing it.

20 And the second piece of this again goes to this
21 confusion question and here's what the judge is going to
22 instruct you on confusion. This is not general confusion.
23 This isn't confusion as to whether I got a FICO score versus
24 a TrueCredit score or a PLUS score. This is specifically
25 confusion as to whether or not I thought because of the score

1 range 300 to 850 I was buying a FICO score versus a
2 TrueCredit score. That's the specific question or confusion
3 that you have to deal with and the judge is going to instruct
4 you on that. She's going to tell you that general confusion
5 about credit scoring or reporting is not sufficient. That's
6 part of the instruction she's going to give you. She's also
7 going to give you a number of factors that you can look at
8 for purposes of looking at confusion, but I've covered most
9 of those. Again, we go to the question of Mr. Danaher's
10 testimony as to whether or not consumers really are confused
11 and we go to the business model.

12 Let me turn to the second category on the verdict
13 form and I'm going to move this up. These are Questions 9,
14 10 and 11 and they relate to the claim of fraud on the
15 Trademark Office. And the question is -- Question Number 9
16 is: "Did Fair Isaac make a false representation of fact
17 during the application process to the United States Patent
18 and Trademark Office for registrations of the '300-850'
19 trademarks?" And number 10 is: "Did Fair Isaac know the
20 representation to be false when it was made and intend to
21 deceive the United States Patent and Trademark Office?"
22 Question Number 11: "Did the United States Patent and
23 Trademark Office rely on the false representation in deciding
24 to issue the registrations?"

25 Okay. And these questions you need to answer no

1 matter how you answer -- even if you find that there's no
2 infringement. In other words, if you agree with us and you
3 answer the first question no or the second question no, you
4 still need to answer Questions 9, 10 and 11.

5 Now, what are we talking about here? I think you
6 probably have a pretty good idea of what we're talking about,
7 but let me go back to the chronology.

8 February 4th of 2004 they filed the registration
9 for the 300-850 trademark. On August 28th, I believe it was,
10 of 2004 it's denied, and it's denied because it's
11 descriptive. All it does is describe a range and that's what
12 the trademark examiner said. They file a response to try to
13 change the examiner's mind on February 28th of 2005, exactly
14 six months after the denial, and in that response, you heard
15 Mr. Anderson talk about, they listed I think four or five
16 reasons, and he said that the only reason that they gave in
17 that response that had any ability or colorable reason for
18 the trademark examiner to change her mind was the
19 representation by Fair Isaac that no one else was using the
20 score range 300-850 during the time period that they filed
21 their registration, so this '04 time period. Of course we
22 know, it's undisputed, that starting in December of 2003
23 TrueCredit was using the score range 300-850 for the
24 TrueCredit score, so that's undisputed.

25 So the question then becomes, is, when they made

1 that representation, did Fair Isaac have knowledge and did
2 they intend to misrepresent that fact to the Trademark Office
3 and have the Trademark Office rely on it in order to get a
4 registration? Could they -- or maybe state it another way.
5 Could they have gotten a registration had they not
6 misrepresented that fact?

7 Well, you heard from Mr. Anderson that he believed
8 -- and he would not have granted the registration for all the
9 reasons you heard him tell, but he particularly focused on
10 the fact that they made that representation of fact. Well,
11 what do we know about whether they had knowledge about the
12 fact that we had a score range of 300 to 850?

13 Well, we have Mr. Danaher's testimony that I've
14 already gone over where he said the myFICO people knew it.
15 We have Mr. Jolls' testimony where he confirmed that he was a
16 subscriber and he knew. How could you be a subscriber of a
17 TrueCredit product, go on their website, which you have to do
18 to subscribe, and not know that we're using the score range
19 of 300 to 850? That's the question.

20 But in case there was any doubt about it, we have
21 Exhibit 43.

22 Ryan, can you put up, please?

23 And you may remember this is the e-mail from
24 December 16th of 2004 -- and you'll have an opportunity to
25 read this back in the jury room -- and you remember I kind of

1 wrangled a little bit with Ms. Kramers-Dove about this, but
2 here's the sentence that says it all, in my view, and it's
3 this sentence.

4 Ryan, if you can highlight it.

5 It says: "They didn't copy our publicized FICO
6 score range until later." Well, what's he saying? Obviously
7 he's saying they didn't copy our score range of 300-850 until
8 later. He clearly knew and that's what Mr. Watts is telling
9 everybody in this e-mail chain, including -- who's the number
10 one person on the e-mail chain? Ms. St. John. She's the one
11 who filed the affidavit under oath with the Trademark Office
12 that you saw and you'll have an opportunity to review that
13 more in the jury room.

14 And you saw Ms. St. John on the video deposition
15 the other day, and when they started asking her questions
16 about paragraph 12 of her affidavit where she said nobody
17 else was using 300-850, you noticed that she couldn't look at
18 the camera. And again, what does your common sense, what
19 does your life experience tell you about somebody when
20 they're being asked questions and they can't look at either
21 the camera or the person who's questioning them? It tells
22 you they're not telling the truth, and she wasn't telling the
23 truth. She knew, she knew that in fact that was a false
24 statement, and she knew that in fact Fair Isaac needed to
25 have the Trademark Office believe that in order to issue the

1 registration.

2 Now, you're going to hear an argument that what she
3 said in paragraph 12 was to the best of her knowledge, nobody
4 else used 300 to 850 as a unique identifier, and that's the
5 finesse you're going to hear from the lawyers about why she
6 wasn't really -- why she wasn't really lying or not telling
7 the truth. Well, here's what they said in the body of the
8 actual submission that the lawyers gave to the Trademark
9 Office. Here's what the quote was:

10 "300 to 850 is the credit scoring scale only for
11 applicant's credit bureau-based risk products and not for
12 other types of credit scoring products that the applicant
13 develops" -- that's Fair Isaac -- and here's the rest of the
14 sentence: "or even other credit bureau-based risk products
15 that competitors develop." And if you look at the Exhibit 6,
16 which is the file from the Patent and Trademark Office,
17 you'll see that in the actual lawyer brief or memo that was
18 submitted to the Trademark Office. The reason you have an
19 affidavit is to confirm those types of statements in the
20 actual memo.

21 So, don't fall for, oh, she didn't really say that
22 it was only -- nobody was using 300 to 850, because this
23 unique identifier, what it's buzz words for, using it as a
24 trademark. Well, of course you know we weren't using it as a
25 trademark. Experian wasn't using it as a trademark. Nobody

1 who came into this courtroom other than the Fair Isaac
2 witness believed that you could trademark 300-850 or any
3 scoring range, for that matter. So of course we weren't
4 using it as a unique identifier. We were using it as a
5 speedometer.

6 Let's talk about the next category -- I'm moving
7 kind of fast here because my time is limited.

8 The next category on the verdict form is what we
9 call affirmative defenses, and -- but just to circle back, we
10 believe that in answering Questions 9, 10 and 11 you should
11 answer yes to all those questions. I think that's probably
12 clear.

13 Now, the next category of questions on the verdict
14 form is what we call affirmative defenses, and that's this.
15 So even if you find that TransUnion infringed on Fair Isaac's
16 trademark, you find secondary meaning and you find consent
17 and confusion in those two elements, that still doesn't get
18 Fair Isaac off the hook, because what the law recognizes is
19 that there are certain so-called affirmative defenses where
20 people that use trademarks can still use them, even if
21 they're valid trademarks, if they use them in a certain way.

22 And the first affirmative defense -- and it relates
23 to Question Number 4 on the verdict form. You're going to
24 find that all of these instructions have a place on the
25 verdict form -- and that's Question Number 4: "Is the term

1 '300-850' a feature of Fair Isaac's products or services that
2 is 'functional'?" Yes or no. And we believe you should
3 answer this yes.

4 What is "functional"? Well, the judge is going to
5 instruct you that what functional means: "A feature is
6 functional if it is essential to the use or purpose of the
7 product or service or if it affects the cost or quality of
8 the product or service. If restricting the ability to use
9 that feature to one provider of the products or services, to
10 the exclusion of competitors, would significantly hinder
11 competitors' ability to compete effectively, the feature
12 functional."

13 Okay. What does that mean? Translate that. What
14 that means is this is the speedometer. 300 to 850. You
15 remember in opening statement you heard a little bit of
16 reference to this. This is what the equivalent of an
17 automobile speedometer is. 300 to 850 is a range that
18 everybody uses to try to describe a credit score. You can't
19 have a credit score in a vacuum. If you say: "My credit
20 score is 650," it has to have some context. It has to have
21 some meaning as to what that is. That's what the score range
22 is.

23 So, does anybody seriously think that somebody
24 could trademark a speedometer, 0 to 80, or 0 to 120 in my
25 day. Now I guess it's 0 to 160, whatever it is. But the

1 point is you wouldn't. If you put "Chevrolet" in the middle
2 of the speedometer, you can trademark that, or you put Ford
3 or Lexis or Mercedes, but you couldn't trademark the
4 speedometer dial.

5 And the reason why this is functional and the
6 reason it has an impact is, you heard everybody that came
7 into the courtroom tell you that because of the way the world
8 is set up from lenders, banks, everybody, they're all set up
9 to use three-digit numbers. So if you take away the ability
10 to use three digits, if it's either two digits or four
11 digits, you severely hinder the ability of competitors to
12 compete in the marketplace. That's what you would do. So
13 that's what functional means and that's why that's an
14 affirmative defense, that even though it may be a trademark,
15 it may be valid, people are still permitted to use it as long
16 as it's a functional process.

17 The second affirmative defense -- and you heard a
18 little bit about this already -- is Question Number 5: "Did
19 the following Defendants prove their 'fair use' defense to
20 the claim of infringement of the '300-850' mark?"

21 And what fair use is, I put some demonstratives up
22 on the screen during the trial and you were probably
23 wondering what the heck is he talking about? Well, what this
24 means is that if you don't use 300 to 850 as a trademark, in
25 other words, you don't make it the center point of your

1 marketing campaign, you don't make that your brand, you don't
2 try to focus everybody's attention on that so it becomes the
3 adjective, the 300 to 850 TrueCredit score, the 300 to 850
4 PLUS score. If you did that, then it wouldn't be a fair use.
5 But if you only use 300-850 to describe a feature of the
6 product, in other words -- you've seen the language. Credit
7 scores generally come in the range of 300 to 850. That's the
8 language.

9 And, Ryan, would you put up the -- here, you saw
10 this during the trial, and what I did is, I tried to put on
11 one slide all of the ways that TransUnion or TrueCredit used
12 300-850, and you can see none of it, none of it is in the
13 form of a trademark. None of it is an attempt to make that
14 our brand. None of that is an attempt to make that the focus
15 of our marketing campaign.

16 The last affirmative defense -- and that's Question
17 Number 6 -- is the doctrine of acquiescence, and the question
18 is did Fair Isaac acquiesce to the infringement of 300-850.
19 That gets back to this consent issue. Acquiescence is the
20 first cousin of consent. And so if you acquiesce, in other
21 words, you don't stop people from using it even though they
22 know you're using it, if you acquiesce in it, then you can't
23 assert or try to use that trademark on an exclusive basis.
24 And the evidence of that is the same we discussed about for
25 the concept of consent, the fact they knew we were using it,

1 they said nothing about it, they had numerous negotiations
2 with us, TransUnion, in '04, never said a thing about it. So
3 again, the answer to that question, we believe, should be
4 yes.

5 Now, lastly you're going to hear -- the question
6 number -- the last category is damages and there's also a
7 question on the verdict form that talks about willful,
8 whether or not our conduct was willful, and here's what the
9 judge will tell you willful means. This is Question Number
10 7. A defendant's infringement was willful if you find that
11 the defendant intentionally set out to deceive or confuse
12 consumers as to the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of
13 its products"

14 Well, I think the easy answer to this, obviously we
15 think it should be no. We don't think you should even get
16 here because we don't think there was infringement, but
17 assuming you disagree with us, how can you possibly willfully
18 and deliberately infringe on somebody's trademark when they
19 know you're using it and they don't tell you you shouldn't
20 use it? That's the simple answer to that question, in my
21 view. Fair Isaac can hardly come into this courtroom and
22 argue that we willfully infringed on something when they knew
23 we were using it and said nothing about it.

24 Now, last, let me talk about damages. And again, I
25 don't -- I think it's clear from what I've been telling you

1 that I don't think there should be any damages, because I
2 don't think there's any liability, but I want to talk to you
3 about it anyway in case you disagree with me.

4 Now, I've told you about one way to look at the
5 strength of somebody's claims is what kinds of witnesses they
6 call. We talked that about that a little bit. Another way
7 is if a party wildly exaggerates its damage claims, and what
8 do I mean by that.

9 Well, Mr. Meyer, the expert, came in here and he
10 gave you three different ranges of damages that were
11 \$150 million apart, and what the judge is going to tell you
12 is that when you're looking at damages, they have to be both
13 reasonable and not speculative. Now, how can anybody -- I
14 don't care how many degrees they have or how much education
15 they have. How can they come in here and expect you, using
16 your common sense, to believe that it's okay to either award
17 \$150 million or \$85 million and there really isn't any
18 difference between either one of them? How can they
19 possibly tell you that and be believable? I would submit to
20 you they can't.

21 The second part of this -- and this is the Question
22 Number 8, and it's: "What amount of money in the form of a
23 'reasonable royalty' will fairly and adequately compensate
24 Fair Isaac for any damage caused by Experian's and
25 TransUnion's infringement of the '300-850' mark?" There's a

1 concept in that question that you really need to focus on,
2 and that's causation. And what that means is -- the judge is
3 going to define it. It means that it had to play a
4 substantial part in bringing about the harm, and here's where
5 this goes:

6 Mr. Meyer testified that Fair Isaac should get, I
7 don't know, you know, a couple hundred million dollars in
8 lost royalties based on the theory that from 2004 to the
9 present every TrueCredit score, in our case, that was sold
10 would have been a Fair Isaac score. So that everybody that
11 came to our website and bought a TrueCredit score would have
12 been a FICO score. And where was the evidence of that? You
13 didn't hear -- normally there's two ways you get that
14 evidence in if you're a plaintiff. One is through a survey
15 expert. That's one possible way. Mr. Berger never even
16 asked the question about 300-850, so how could we possibly
17 rely on what he said. Or the other way is through a damage
18 expert. They look and they analyze certain things. And you
19 heard Mr. Meyer. He never made any analysis. He just
20 assumed causation. He assumed that if in fact there was a
21 sale, that in fact it would have been a FICO sale. In other
22 words, that royalty should have applied.

23 Now, I would suggest to you just on that answer
24 alone, Question Number 8, you should answer there's no
25 damages because they haven't proven causation. But let's say

1 you disagree with me. Well, let's look at Mr. Meyer, again,
2 his credibility as a damage expert.

3 And, Ryan, could you put up the exhibit that goes
4 to Mr. Meyer's damage analysis.

5 And you might remember that the way he figured
6 royalties was he used a royalty based on revenues and then he
7 used a percentage.

8 Well, you remember Mr. Bokhart when he testified,
9 he said, well, first of all, you start with his revenue base.
10 You have to immediately take off \$165 million, because
11 Mr. Meyer measured royalties from 2004. Why would you do
12 that? Under anybody's logic, you wouldn't start measuring
13 royalties until they got a registration of their trademark,
14 particularly given the fact they never told anybody they had
15 a trademark. So even if you were to consider damages, you
16 certainly wouldn't start measuring them until 2006. That
17 takes \$165 million out of the tank.

18 The next -- you heard he completely blew it when he
19 was analyzing whether the three-in-one report had a credit
20 score and he counted all of those three-in-one sales as also
21 credit scores, and as Mr. Bokhart told you, that's
22 \$150 million you got to take out of the tank.

23 And then lastly, because of the projections that he
24 did into 2009, you have to take another \$69 million.

25 So we start in terms of his credibility with the

1 base that he used, the revenues he used, were completely off
2 base, absolutely no credibility. If you start with -- you
3 know, sort of like a three-legged stool. If one leg of the
4 stool isn't any good, it's going to tip over. Well, that's
5 what this royalty base is. If you start with an improper
6 base of improper information, which is what he did, you're
7 not going to have very credible evidence.

8 Then he talked about a royalty rate of 40 percent,
9 and you remember the way he got the 40 percent was to go back
10 to the 2004 agreement, which is when they were selling FICO
11 scores with a 40 percent royalty, and that's true. They were
12 using that royalty to sell FICO scores through the CS site.
13 But remember, that agreement specifically excluded or didn't
14 mention 300-850.

15 And now think about this again from a commonsense
16 standpoint. You heard Mr. Danaher testify that the reason he
17 was willing to pay a 40 percent royalty to Fair Isaac is
18 because Fair Isaac claimed that he was going to be able to
19 sell oodles of FICO scores through that site because of Fair
20 Isaac's prominence in the lender market that was going to
21 transfer over to the consumer market, that indirect marketing
22 channel. What that meant is Mr. Danaher didn't have to spend
23 any money of his own on direct advertising to try to get
24 those customers. So he's willing. If he could do that,
25 that's a good deal for him, because effectively he's tagging

1 along on Fair Isaac's coattails and getting that business.

2 Well, you heard him tell you it cost \$80 to get a
3 customer when you directly advertise, because you got to
4 spend your own money to advertise. So why would anybody in
5 their right mind pay a 40 percent -- when they got the right
6 to use 300-850 and they still have to advertise directly to
7 consumers and spend money to do that, why would anybody in
8 their right mind pay a 40 percent royalty? They wouldn't.
9 So I would suggest to you that Mr. Bokhart's analysis of the
10 damages is a much more reasonable, nonspeculative way to look
11 at damages.

12 And let me just make one last point on damages.
13 What happens -- Mr. Meyer came in, and the reason he gave you
14 these three series of damages, you know, 80 to 150, or
15 whatever it was, I don't even remember, 350 million, is
16 because what he's hoping you'll do is that you'll give Fair
17 Isaac some fraction of that number, hoping that you think
18 you're doing us a favor. That's what he's hoping. He's just
19 hoping to throw those numbers up there so somehow you're
20 going to give some small fraction, thinking: "Oh, my gosh.
21 What a good deal. We're only going to give them, you know,
22 two percent or one percent" or whatever the number is. Don't
23 fall for that. You have to analyze the damage testimony
24 based on the instructions the judge is going to give you.
25 That is, they've got to be reasonable and they can't be

1 speculative. Mr. Meyer fails on both counts.

2 I'm sorry that I talked so fast and gave you so
3 much information, but I again appreciate your attention and
4 your patience in serving on this case. Thank you very much.

5 THE COURT: All right. We will take a 15-minute
6 morning recess. Court will be in recess for 15 minutes.

7 (Recess taken at 10:55 a.m.)

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1 **(In open court with the Jury present.)**

2 THE COURT: Good morning, again. Please be
3 seated. And we'll proceed directly to the argument of
4 VantageScore LLC as given by their counsel, Barbara Berens.

5 Ms. Berens?

6 MS. BERENS: Thank you, Your Honor. Again, like
7 the other lawyers, I want to thank you all for your time,
8 your attention, in a case that has been, I'm sure, has been
9 more than you ever wanted to know about an industry that I
10 didn't know much about before this case started.

11 My client is VantageScore Solutions LLC. You
12 heard a lot about the VantageScore. You didn't hear very
13 much about what my client actually does. Ryan, will you
14 pull up slide number 2. VantageScore Solutions LLC is
15 owned by the three credit reporting agencies. You've heard
16 about that.

17 VantageScore does not sell scores. That is
18 undisputed. Ms. Kramers-Dove testified about that.
19 Various other witnesses both from TransUnion and Experian
20 made clear that VantageScore Solutions is not in the
21 business of selling any sort of credit score.

22 What VantageScore does is principally own and
23 further develop the intellectual property or algorithm that
24 is known as VantageScore, and it makes sure that that model
25 continues to perform over time, and VantageScore Solutions

1 people go out, and they educate certain constituencies
2 about the VantageScore.

3 And those constituencies include regulators,
4 rating agencies, consumer groups, to explain what the
5 VantageScore product is, but there is no direct consumer
6 sales. Slide 4, excuse me, please, Ryan.

7 What happens is, the VantageScore Solutions
8 entity licenses its algorithm to the three credit reporting
9 agencies, and Equifax markets the score only to lenders,
10 and then TransUnion and Experian market it both to lenders
11 and to consumers, and that is how the score is brought to
12 the consumer arena.

13 Now, I want to talk to you a little bit about
14 marketing of VantageScore because I think it's significant
15 that you have not been shown one web site, one
16 advertisement, one commercial, one banner ad that is
17 VantageScore Solutions' own product.

18 Instead, what you have seen are several different
19 screen shots from the TransUnion and/or the Experian web
20 sites, and again, these are the two outlets for the sale of
21 VantageScore to consumers. And, Ryan, I would like you to
22 bring up the Experian web site, which is in evidence. It
23 is slide 18.

24 I think I showed you this in my opening. This is
25 one of the two examples of web site sales of the

1 VantageScore, and again, I pointed out in the opening how
2 the VantageScore not only uses numbers, but it also uses
3 corresponding letter grades, and I would encourage you to
4 look at this exhibit, which is Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1126,
5 when you go into your room because I think if you look at
6 this document carefully, you'll see that 501 to 990 never
7 appears on this web site.

8 Now, I would like, Ryan, for you to show the TU
9 web site, which is slide 13. Again, this is the TransUnion
10 site that sells the VantageScore, and again, please take a
11 careful look at that. This is Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1209. I
12 think one significant thing about this particular exhibit
13 is in his cross-examination of Mr. Danaher, Mr. Larus
14 actually used this as an example of how a score can be
15 described with clarity, and, again, these are the two
16 outlets for the sale of the VantageScore score.

17 Slide 4, please, Ryan, or excuse me. 8. Now, we
18 have all heard about 300-850. VantageScore, 501 to 990
19 with a corresponding letter grade. So from 901 to 990 is
20 an A. I think you've heard a lot of testimony about how
21 scores are chosen, scoring ranges are chosen, and I would
22 like you to think about the evidence that came in about why
23 was the 501 to 990 chosen?

24 I think one of the first things that's important
25 to consider is that the scoring range for VantageScore was

1 chosen before the patent and trade office, the PTO, awarded
2 trademark protection to 300 to 850. Ryan, slide 46,
3 please. I think you heard a lot of evidence about 0 to 100
4 and that it was a recommended range for the VantageScore.

5 You might be wondering, well, why didn't
6 VantageScore Solutions, why wasn't the range the 0 to 100?
7 I wanted to point out on this time line, it was a very
8 brief period of time in which that score was under
9 discussion. I think there was some e-mails, and the
10 exhibit number is cited on here that talk about the 1 to
11 100 range, and that was around October of 2005.

12 And then there were some discussions about 0 to
13 999, and those, again, were brief. If you look at the
14 period of time, we're talking about a time range of less
15 than a week, and by November of '05, again, almost five
16 months before the PTO granted the trademark in 300-850, the
17 VantageScore had been settled on at 501 to 990.

18 So, again, you've heard a lot about notice and
19 when there was notice given and when the TM mark was
20 started being used by Fair Isaac for purposes of the 300 to
21 850. All this was occurring before there was any trademark
22 issued.

23 Secondly, I think you've heard a lot of testimony
24 from witnesses about why a three-digit range is the most
25 desirable, and you heard testimony. That's one reason why

1 the 0 to 100 was not chosen. I think I talked in my
2 opening about the notion of granularity, and I thought both
3 Mr. Christiansen and some of the others, Mr. Oliai, they
4 talked about how when you're developing a credit score,
5 what you're trying to do is predict future human behavior
6 with a number.

7 And you need a certain range so that lenders can
8 be making decisions about creditworthiness with enough
9 detail to make decisions that make sense for their
10 portfolios, and a range of 0 to 100 doesn't do it because
11 there is not enough numbers, not enough granularity,
12 between the 0 and the 100.

13 The same thing with a four-digit range. You
14 heard testimony about how theoretically a score could have
15 five digits, six digits, but from a practical market
16 acceptance standpoint, a four-digit range I believe as
17 Mr. Christiansen again testified to, you're not getting
18 enough spread over a bell curve.

19 If you only have 50 people that are falling
20 within a particular number, it's not enough, again, for the
21 lenders to be making a decision about whether somebody is
22 creditworthy or not. Also you've heard a lot of testimony
23 about how the three-digit scoring range really is the
24 industry standard. So VantageScore did go with a 501 to
25 990 range.

1 Now, Fair Isaac's claim against VantageScore
2 essentially boils down to, because there is an overlap
3 between 501 and 850, that VantageScore Solutions is somehow
4 infringing on 300-850, and I would challenge you again to
5 use your common sense and think about that.

6 Ms. Kramers-Dove said that the 501 to 990 range,
7 she agreed with my statement that it only describes
8 VantageScore and the output of its algorithm. You have
9 heard a lot of testimony and a lot of argument about what
10 is descriptive versus trademark use. Again, even in the
11 one web site, the Experian web site, 501 to 990 never even
12 appears as a description, much less as a trademark.

13 So I would encourage you when you're looking at
14 the evidence to see that, again, 501 to 990 is using, is
15 being used merely as a description. Finally, exhibit or
16 excuse me. Slide 10, Ryan.

17 There was a lot of testimony that the reason the
18 501 to 990 scale was chosen was because it tracks the
19 academic scale, and you've heard a lot of testimony about
20 consumer confusion, and what better way to explain to a
21 consumer in very few words about how they're doing from a
22 credit standpoint if they look at their VantageScore and
23 they see, well, we're in the A range.

24 We know what that means. You know if you're in a
25 C range or in a D range. It has some independent meaning

1 to you. So one reason why the 501 to 990 was chosen was to
2 track the academic scale. Now, Ms. Kramers-Dove did admit
3 in cross-examination that Fair Isaac is not claiming every
4 number as a trademark between 300 to 850. Could I see
5 slide 7, please, Ryan.

6 So, again, when you think about overlapping and
7 whether VantageScore's overlapping range constitutes some
8 sort of infringement, think about Ms. Kramers-Dove and the
9 fact that she said, no, FICO is not claiming a trademark in
10 501 or 502. They're claiming it in the phrase 300-850, and
11 use your common sense to decide whether VantageScore's
12 overlapping range is an improper use of those numbers.

13 I want to talk a little bit about consumer
14 confusion, and again, I'm going to focus on the TransUnion
15 and Experian web sites because, again, that's where the
16 VantageScore is distributed. Ryan, will you pull up 14,
17 please.

18 This is the TransUnion web site. I showed you
19 this briefly before, and I have highlighted some things so
20 you can be thinking about those. First of all, it says,
21 this is the VantageScore credit scoring formula. 15, Ryan?
22 VantageScore credit scoring is mentioned. 16? Again, it's
23 using the number combined with a grade.

24 This is a sample score, but again, it's a B, so
25 it gives the consumer some indication of where they might

1 stand in relation to others, and 17? Here it just says,
2 the numerical score ranges from 990 to 501 equaling grade
3 ranges from A to F.

4 Here they're not even using 501 to 990, and
5 again, they're equating it with the grading system, and you
6 heard testimony about what a trademark use is, and you
7 heard from Mr. Anderson that uses of like 300 to 850 are
8 not trademark uses. Again, question whether 990 to 501 is
9 a trademark use in the context of the TransUnion web site
10 that markets VantageScore, and also query whether a
11 consumer would be confused by this.

12 Now, Ryan, could I see 19, please. Again,
13 Experian's web site. Examine it carefully. It never even
14 uses the phrase "501 to 990." What does it do to
15 distinguish itself and tell a consumer what they are
16 purchasing?

17 First, VantageScore for businesses. Slide 20.
18 VantageScore, and it shows service mark. 21. The
19 VantageScore scale. 22. Your VantageScore number. 23.
20 Lenders using VantageScore. 24. VantageScore when you're
21 clicking on it to see if you want to learn about your
22 VantageScore.

23 Next slide. National VantageScore averages.
24 Next one, Ryan. VantageScore mentioned again, and finally,
25 the range coupled in segments with the academic grades. I

1 would ask you, use your common sense. Would a consumer be
2 confused if they went to this web site to buy a
3 VantageScore?

4 Another, I think, test of the consumer confusion
5 relates to what would you get if you actually purchased a
6 VantageScore, and I don't think this was shown to anybody,
7 but I wanted to spend a little time on this, too. Ryan,
8 slide 28, please.

9 This is an actual example of somebody's
10 VantageScore. This was purchased from the Experian web
11 site. Next slide. Again, it says at the top, Experian and
12 then VantageScore with the service mark. Next one, Ryan.
13 It's an Experian VantageScore report. Next one.
14 VantageScore is generated.

15 Next one. VantageScore from Experian. Next.
16 This VantageScore is based on. Next. Your VantageScore is
17 990, I wish, on a scale of 501 to 990. Next. A
18 VantageScore summary. Next. About your VantageScore.
19 Next. VantageScore is. Next. What your VantageScore
20 means. Next. What factors lower your VantageScore.

21 Next. Your risk grade is A. Next. Your score
22 currently falls into a risk grade category of A. Again,
23 think about whether an average consumer purchasing this
24 score would be confused about what the source of this score
25 was. I would suggest that the answer to that question is

1 no.

2 I want to talk to you a little bit about some of
3 the special verdict questions and how I believe the
4 evidence would suggest answers. I'm not going to spend any
5 time on secondary meaning. I think some of the other
6 attorneys already have spent a lot of time on this, but I
7 did want to spend a little time on question number 2 of the
8 special verdict form, which you will be answering for each
9 of the defendants individually.

10 And you've heard a little bit about, did the
11 phrase "300 to 850" acquire secondary meaning before
12 defendants' allegedly infringing uses? And I would like to
13 talk about, again, slide 46. Again, this range was chosen
14 before a trademark was issued, but I think another factor
15 you can consider in terms of secondary meaning is
16 Mr. Johnson's survey, and I know you've heard a lot about
17 the surveys.

18 But I just wanted to call attention to the fact
19 that Mr. Johnson's survey, which you can accept, reject,
20 you make your own decision about it, but the date of that
21 survey was in September of 2008. And Mr. Johnson did ask
22 questions about the range of 300 to 850, and I'm sure
23 you'll remember how small the percentage, I believe it was
24 only 2 percent, of the folks who even knew what a range
25 like that referred to.

1 So this is almost two years after -- excuse me.
2 Three years. I can't do the math -- three years after the
3 VantageScore scoring range was chosen, and still in this
4 survey, secondary meaning was not established. Question 3
5 has to deal with consumer confusion, and I think we went
6 through that with the web sites.

7 Again, use your common sense to decide whether
8 the average consumer would be confused about the source of
9 the VantageScore when purchasing. I'm not going to spend
10 any time on the functional defense. I know Mr. Remele
11 spent some time on that. I did want to spend a little bit
12 of time on fair use, which is a defense that VantageScore
13 is also asserting, and again, it is a bar to any sort of
14 liability, and it is question 5 of the special verdict
15 form.

16 It has three elements: Did a defendant use
17 300-850 otherwise than a trademark? I would argue that
18 VantageScore Solutions has never used 300 to 850 as a
19 trademark or 300-850, nor was any evidence introduced that
20 VantageScore Solutions has ever used any sort of seal logo.

21 Secondly, did the defendant use 300-850 fairly
22 and in good faith? The evidence, I believe, shows that the
23 only time VantageScore is using its scoring range is to
24 describe the output of its algorithm, and that is a
25 statement to which Ms. Kramers-Dove did agree. And, again,

1 it goes to the descriptive use.

2 If we are using our mark and our scoring range
3 only to describe the output of the algorithm, we are
4 entitled to the benefit of that fair use defense. I want
5 to spend a little time on fraud on the PTO. May I have the
6 first slide, Ryan, on the fraud on the PTO.

7 I know you've heard a lot of testimony about
8 this, and again, you have to use your common sense, but I
9 wanted to draw your attention to several things. First of
10 all, this is what Fair Isaac in its submission to the PTO
11 on February 28th, 2005, what they told the PTO.

12 300-850 is the credit scoring scale only for
13 applicant's credit bureau-based risk scores and not for
14 other types of credit scoring products that the applicant
15 develops or even other credit bureau-based risk products
16 that competitors develop. That is what they told the PTO
17 in February of '05.

18 But what did Fair Isaac know? I want to show you
19 a couple examples of that. First of all, other side of the
20 slide, you've heard a lot of mention of Mr. Watts who did
21 not testify in this case, and this is a quote of his from a
22 newspaper article on July 29th, 2001. "Many other
23 companies have developed their own scoring systems,
24 although a ranking from 300 to 850 is used by most
25 systems."

1 Next slide. Another example of what Fair Isaac
2 knew. This is an internal e-mail, Fair Isaac e-mail from
3 Andrew Jolls, and again you'll recognize his name. His
4 video deposition, excerpts were played. November 25th,
5 2003. "Experian is offering its PLUS Score, a credit score
6 exclusively for consumers. The scores use a scale of 300
7 to 900 and look similar to the FICO scores that banks buy
8 from Fair Isaac Corporation."

9 Again, 18 months before this statement was made
10 to the PTO. Next slide, Ryan. Here is a statement made
11 about TransUnion on December 16th, 2004, and again, this is
12 an e-mail from Craig Watts to Cheri St. John, Keri
13 Kramers-Dove and others, and I'm sure you'll recognize
14 Cheri St. John's name as the person who had put in the
15 affidavit to the PTO.

16 TransUnion has announced a promotion to identify
17 consumers who have the, "Perfect credit score of 850, but
18 they're not referring a FICO score. TU's consumer site,
19 TrueCredit.com sells an imitation score to consumers, not
20 FICO scores." Now, again, you're going to have to decide
21 whether those constitute fraud on the PTO or not, and those
22 particular questions related to defendants' counterclaims
23 should be questions 9, 10 and 11 of the special verdict
24 form.

25 In summary, I would encourage you to use your

1 common sense and find that 501 to 990, coupled with an
2 academic grade, does not constitute a same or similar mark
3 and find that VantageScore Solutions LLC did not infringe
4 on 300-850.

5 Thank you.

6 THE COURT: All right. We'll take another
7 in-place standing stretch break.

8 **(Standing stretch break.)**

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10 **(In open court with the Jury present.)**

11 THE COURT: All right. Please be seated.
12 Because the plaintiff has the burden of proof. They have
13 the opportunity of giving the last argument. We will now
14 proceed to the argument of Fair Isaac as given by their
15 counsel Robert Schutz.

16 Mr. Schutz.

17 MR. SCHUTZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Ladies and
18 gentlemen, I, too, would like to thank you on behalf of
19 Fair Isaac, Renee Jackson, corporate counsel, and Keri
20 Kramers-Dove, who has been sitting here the whole time, and
21 you've had a chance to hear testify.

22 You know, I've been doing this for a long time,
23 and I sure hope that your experience hasn't been painful in
24 any way. I believe life is the collection of stories, and
25 a week from today, probably most of you will be sitting

1 around a table carving up a turkey or a ham or something
2 like that, and you will be without a doubt the premier
3 experts inside your houses at the table on credit scores,
4 and so you should have some good stories to tell about
5 that.

6 At the beginning of the case, I said that a
7 couple of central things, that this case was about consumer
8 credit scores and how they're marketed, and it's a case
9 about informed consumer choice, and that hasn't happened.
10 And in my opening, I also had a top ten list. Well, I have
11 carved that list down a little bit.

12 I now have a top nine list, and I'm going to use
13 that to walk us through the evidence here, and of course, I
14 have here, like my opponents on the other side of the
15 courtroom, I have a limited amount of time. I can't talk
16 about every piece of evidence, but I am going to cover some
17 highlights.

18 So what I have constructed here is a top nine
19 list, and it's the top nine myths perpetrated by the
20 defendants in this case. Myth number one: You cannot
21 trademark numbers. Of course, you can trademark numbers.
22 If you could not trademark numbers, we wouldn't be here.

23 You will have the definition from the Court on
24 what a trademark is, word, name, symbol or device or
25 combination thereof that indicates the source of the goods

1 or services even if that source is generally unknown. I
2 will come back to that a couple of times.

3 We don't have to be McDonald's. We don't have to
4 be Kentucky Fried Chicken. We don't have to be Apple
5 Computer. We don't have to be any of the famous marks that
6 have been used by, as examples of the defendants, and
7 people do not have to associate 300 to 850 with Fair Isaac.
8 They only need to associate it from a single source, even
9 if they have no idea of the name of that source.

10 The defendants' real complaint here is that they
11 don't think that we can trademark a score range, but even
12 the defendants here acknowledge that you can have a
13 trademark and a score range. Jeff, let's pull up
14 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 975.

15 You will recall that Plaintiffs' Exhibit 975 is a
16 contract, three-way contract, entered into in August of
17 2006 between TransUnion on the one hand and Fair Isaac and
18 WAMU, the other two parties, and let's take a look at two
19 sections on this screen. Let's look at 7.3.

20 And if we look at Section 7.3, we can see here
21 that Fair Isaac has put in this that they have a 300-850
22 score range trademark. It's a registered trademark. This
23 agreement was signed by Mr. Danaher, and there was never
24 any, you know, correspondence, telephone call, e-mail or
25 anything from Mr. Danaher that said, whoa, wait a minute.

1 You cannot trademark score ranges, nothing like that.

2 Now, let's go to the next paragraph, and here we
3 have another provision that says, No party may use
4 another's mark or company names in advertising or other
5 promotional material without first obtaining the prior
6 owner's consent.

7 So it's clear, a clear indication that we have a
8 trademark on the 300 to 850 score range and a clear
9 acknowledgment that, hey, you can't use it. You can't use
10 it. Now, I'm going to be leaping ahead and back a little
11 bit because some things I showed you are relevant to
12 various things.

13 This acquiescence defense that we will talk about
14 requires an affirmative act on our part saying, it's okay
15 to use our marks. That's really what, you will have a jury
16 instruction on that. Keep this in mind when we get to
17 there.

18 Now let's go to Experian. We had a contract with
19 Experian. The master contract was April, April 15th, I
20 think of 2005, and there were a couple of addendums, and
21 let's look at restated addendum number one, which is
22 February of 2006.

23 And if we go to paragraph 5.4 here, if we go to
24 paragraph 5.4, we can see that among a defined term here is
25 a Fair Isaac optional trademark 300-850 TM score range,

1 score range, and this was, of course, at the time when we
2 had filed our federal registration but had not yet been
3 granted the registration. That's why it's a TM as opposed
4 to a circle R.

5 You put a circle R once you've got the trademark
6 registration from the patent office. The other thing that
7 is very clear, not in dispute, is that when we were
8 prosecuting these applications before the Patent and
9 Trademark Office, it was clear that it was a score range
10 that we were seeking trademark protection for.

11 There is no doubt about that. Mr. Anderson
12 acknowledged that. It's not part of any defense on their
13 part that we have somehow, you know, pulled the wool over
14 the eyes of the people at the Patent and Trademark Office.
15 It was always up front that what we were trademarking was a
16 score range.

17 What the issue boils down to at the end of the
18 day is, yes, you can trademark numbers, and you can
19 trademark score ranges. It's whether this particular
20 trademark score range has achieved secondary meaning, and
21 that's going to be the next topic I talk about, but before
22 we move into that, the next myth the defendants have tried
23 to perpetrate here, I think it important to refresh our
24 recollection of why trademarks are important.

25 Consumers rely upon trademarks to signal to them

1 certain characteristics or qualities about goods they're
2 purchasing. I have used the example of Coke and Pepsi
3 before. Coke lovers love the characteristic taste of Coke.
4 Pepsi lovers love the characteristic taste of Pepsi so that
5 when someone buys a Coke, they know what taste they're
6 getting and vice versa with Pepsi.

7 One of the important characteristics of the FICO
8 300 to 850 is it's the score that lenders use. It's the
9 score probably that most lenders use or it's the score that
10 the majority of lenders use. I think that's really
11 undisputed in this case.

12 It's one of the essential characteristics of the
13 score, and so when somebody buys that score, they can rest
14 assured that maybe not every lender uses it. Maybe my
15 lender might not use it, but most lenders use it, majority
16 of lenders, 75 percent of mortgage applicants. You'll have
17 the evidence back there, and it's replete through all the
18 documents.

19 And, again, people do not need to know that the
20 300 to 850 product comes from Fair Isaac. I would submit
21 that before this trial, most of you might not have known
22 that Crest toothpaste comes from Procter & Gamble, and you
23 might not have known that Haagen-Dazs ice cream comes from
24 General Mills.

25 Let me just, a couple of other things on the

1 lender's use issue. Okay? Let's look at Plaintiffs'
2 Exhibit 893. Plaintiffs' Exhibit 893, this is a document
3 from 2004, so one thing to note about this 2004 document,
4 and you will recall the testimony of Keri Kramers-Dove that
5 trademarks were applied for in February of 2004.

6 And this was early in the year, certainly before
7 mid 2004, when there is some testimony at least by Experian
8 that they started using the range that we think infringes,
9 you have pretty prominent use on this web site of 300 to
10 850 in one of our applications. It's prominent, the seal,
11 and also you see here, most lenders base approval on that.

12 You've got a direct connection between the 300
13 and 850 trademark score range and lenders, but you don't
14 have to take our word for it. Let's go to Plaintiffs'
15 Exhibit 1157A-68. This is an Experian document. This is
16 the web site where Experian sells the FICO score. Remember
17 that we've got this arrangement that they do have this,
18 what they referred to, as the other score -- I'm sorry --
19 TU, we've got the other score range. TU has got two score
20 ranges.

21 Here you can see here there is a clear reference
22 here, second bullet point, that the FICO score range is 300
23 to 850, and I think it's on the second page, Jeff, that
24 there is the reference to lenders. Okay? So here you can
25 see how lenders see you. Majority of lenders use FICO

1 scores, and this is from TransUnion, so even TransUnion in
2 their public face to the world about the FICO score says
3 that.

4 One final point on this before we move to the
5 next factor, next myth, we do not have to use a TM or an SM
6 or a circle R to have trademark rights. Would it have been
7 a good practice to have done so? Probably. We didn't do
8 it. It's not legally relevant, and I'll talk about the
9 notice issue in a few minutes, but let's move on to the
10 next myth.

11 Myth number two. Myth number two: This case is
12 about lender scores and overlapping score ranges. That's
13 the myth that the defendants are trying to perpetrate here.
14 It's not about lender scores. It's about consumer credit
15 scores. We are not seeking damages. We are not seeking to
16 stop any behavior in the lenders' space. The world will
17 not come to an end.

18 It's about four scores, specifically: The FICO
19 300 to 850 score, the Experian PLUS Score, the TransUnion
20 TransRisk score and the VantageScore. That's what this
21 case is about, and it's not about overlapping score ranges.
22 It's about whether they have marketed their product to
23 consumers, each of their respective products, using those
24 score ranges we've alleged infringe in a manner likely to
25 cause confusion as to source, sponsorship or affiliation.

1 That is the legal test, not that it actually
2 caused confusion, although it certainly did. We'll talk
3 about that evidence, but whether they're marketing their
4 product, using what we allege is an infringing score range,
5 is likely to cause confusion about source, sponsorship or
6 affiliation.

7 Lenders, of course, are not confused. Even if
8 they had used 300 to 850 in the lender market and there is
9 some reference to some, perhaps, in scores very close to
10 this in the lender market, lenders know exactly what
11 they're getting. They're not confused at all.

12 Somebody walks in and says, I've got a score and
13 the range is 350, and it's from Experian or some XYZ
14 company. They know whether it's a FICO score or whether
15 it's not. Lenders know exactly what they're buying. There
16 may, however, be some relevance to lender scores in this
17 sense:

18 You heard two third parties come in here from
19 Choice Point and Lexis-Nexis, and they gave testimony.
20 What I would submit is the most interesting about their
21 testimony is that they, those two witnesses came in here
22 and said, we compete with Fair Isaac. We compete with Fair
23 Isaac across a range of scores.

24 So they compete with Fair Isaac, but they did not
25 have to copy our score range to compete. All right? I

1 found that very interesting, that they did not have to copy
2 to compete, and we're going to get to copying in a minute.

3 Myth number three: 300 to 850 has no secondary
4 meaning. All right? And again, what the defendants are
5 trying to say is, and Mr. Remele put the slide up, would
6 you recognize Kentucky Fried Chicken. Would you recognize
7 McDonald's? Would you recognize all these famous marks and
8 then 300 to 850. That's not the test. The test isn't
9 whether I recognize it, the judge recognizes it, they
10 recognize it or you recognize it.

11 The test is whether a prospective purchaser would
12 associate it with a single source, not that it's associated
13 with Fair Isaac, but with a single source. Remember the
14 testimony from Mr. Anderson of the PTO? 100,000 trademarks
15 are registered every year. 100,000.

16 Yes, we all know famous ones, but for those
17 trademarks registered in smaller products that don't have
18 that kind of market penetration and the like, the issue is
19 whether prospective purchasers of that product. It's not
20 whether somebody doesn't care, would never purchase a
21 credit score, doesn't give a darn about credit scores would
22 associate it. It's whether a perspective purchaser would.

23 The evidence that you will be able to consider.
24 The judge will give you instructions. There is a list of
25 things you can consider, and I would like to talk about

1 some of them. First, intentional copying. The second fact
2 you can consider is actual confusion. Third factor is
3 sales and extent of use, and the fourth factor is exclusive
4 use of the mark. There are some other factors, but I think
5 those four are highly relevant.

6 Let's start with intentional copying. All right.
7 Why, you might ask yourself, is intentional copying
8 something you should take into account about secondary
9 meaning, and it makes perfect common sense. If someone is
10 picking in this case a score range and they've got the
11 whole broad spectrum of options to choose from but they
12 choose the score range of the market leader of a recognized
13 one, they're doing so because they know it has secondary
14 meaning.

15 They know that people have associated that
16 particular score range with a single source. That's why
17 people copy things. That's why people make fake Rolexes.
18 That's why they make fake knock-off products. All right?
19 They copy because they know that that's a way maybe they
20 will be able to fool a consumer into purchasing the
21 knock-off product. That's exactly why copying, intentional
22 copying, is one of the factors that you can use in
23 assessing whether there is secondary meaning.

24 Here's what we're going to do next. We're going
25 to look at some of the copying evidence, and one of the

1 things that we can, that we're going to do in this case is,
2 we're going to go behind closed doors, and we're going to
3 look at what happened behind the closed doors in the
4 VantageScore development, what would happen behind closed
5 doors at Experian, and what happened behind closed doors at
6 TransUnion, and we're going to apply what I call Ron's
7 mom's rule.

8 When I was a boy growing up on the farm, the
9 wisest person I knew then and the wisest person I know
10 today is my mother, and she told me when I was young,
11 listen to what people say, but watch what they do because
12 actions speak louder than words. So let's go behind closed
13 doors, see what the defendants did back then, what they
14 wrote down before there was a lawsuit, before they hired
15 lawyers to get involved to spin some facts.

16 Let's start by looking at Plaintiffs'
17 Exhibit 102. This is in November, and we're going to start
18 looking at the VantageScore. We're going to go behind the
19 scenes at VantageScore, and here's why we're going to start
20 there because VantageScore, remember, is a joint venture
21 between all three of the credit bureaus, including two of
22 the defendants in this case, Experian and TransUnion.

23 So let's take a peek behind the closed doors at
24 VantageScore in November, November of 2004, and here we've
25 got a meeting, and there are some names up there at the

1 top, at least a couple of them. Mr. Wiermanski and
2 Mr. Hellinga are people who testified in this case by video
3 deposition, and FICO was mentioned.

4 Here's what they say: Replace FICO anywhere they
5 appear. B2B and consumer, everyone would see the same
6 score. So this is the mindset. This gives you some
7 background mindset of these people. Okay? They want to
8 replace us. Let's now go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 34.

9 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 34 is a March 31st, 2005,
10 memo to Keri Williams, and you know, his title is up here.
11 I think he has been mentioned a couple of times. Let's
12 look at second page I think it is, Jeff. Here this memo,
13 there is this paragraph entitled calibrate to FICO, and
14 there is a reference to the TBS score.

15 And recall that tri bureau score, and before
16 VantageScore had the name VantageScore it was talked about
17 as the tried bureau score or project Trident, and
18 ultimately that's what led to VantageScore, but here we've
19 got, again behind closed doors before, this is nonspin
20 stuff. Okay. These are just their words.

21 The TBS score would only conform to the current
22 FICO range by accident. The bureaus could provide the TBS
23 scores to customers on a new and clearly defined scale,
24 along with a conversion table to FICO scores.
25 Alternatively, the TBS score could be transformed so that

1 it appeared to be the on same scale as the FICO score.

2 These people know exactly what they're doing.

3 These are people that have been our partners. That's
4 another thing to keep in mind. I will talk about this a
5 little more. We have been in business with these people
6 since 1989 when we first did our first bureau score. They
7 know about us.

8 All right. We have taken their data, run it
9 through our algorithm and outputted a score. They know
10 about the FICO score range. They know about how hard Fair
11 Isaac had worked to get its position in the marketplace,
12 and they clearly also know that there is an option out
13 there when they're developing a tri bureau score. New and
14 clearly defined scale.

15 Look at 501 to 990 in a couple different ways. I
16 would submit, it's not a clearly defined scale different
17 from the FICO score. Now, let's go to jump ahead here a
18 few months to October of 2005. Let's look at Plaintiffs'
19 Exhibit 44.

20 This is again project Trident, ultimately led to
21 VantageScore, and on this page, I think it's internal page
22 10, score scale and range, 1 to 100, and we have got some
23 pros and some cons. What are the pros? Consumer friendly.
24 0 to 100 actually conforms much more, I would submit, to an
25 academic scale than 501 to 990.

1 The schools that I grew up in in the small
2 farming community when I was a boy had 0 to 100, not 501 to
3 990. So it's consumer friendly. It is regulator friendly
4 and bullet point three is very important. Product
5 distinction. Product distinction. Nobody would be
6 confused between a credit score product that had a range of
7 0 to 100 with one that had a range of 300 to 850.

8 So they clearly know the benefits of going there.
9 Meaningful outcome? What does meaningful outcome tell us?
10 Well, there is enough granularity to provide a meaningful
11 outcome for lenders to use that score. Let's now go to
12 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 338.

13 This is an e-mail. Mr. Oliai is part of this
14 e-mail. He testified in this case. Among our team we
15 refer to Oliai as Mr. Perfect Memory Man. He came in and
16 testified about 30 plus credit scores from memory and then
17 drew this nice chart of all these different credit scores.

18 And the most interesting part of that, of course,
19 is lots and lots of scores all related to lenders, all
20 kinds of options they could have picked when they decided
21 to launch the new TransRisk score or the Experian score,
22 and they didn't pick those. They picked our range.

23 So what do we have here? A couple of things.
24 First of all, we've got use of score, and this point is a
25 little bit esoteric, but I do want to make it. Use of the

1 score, and he's talking here about the VantageScore, and
2 the point that this is making is, the VantageScore range
3 output is actually something they considered to be
4 proprietary.

5 501 to 990, nobody else can use that because the
6 discussion here relates to, you will see this in a whole
7 document, whether one of the parties by themselves can use
8 that score range on some other product, and we also
9 introduced into evidence that might be Plaintiffs'
10 Exhibit 30, I'm not going to pop it up here, but it's the
11 VantageScore IP agreement.

12 And you walk through the definitions, clearly the
13 score range they consider to be protectable property in
14 that agreement. There is another page here, Jeff. Let's
15 go. So the scale. They talk about the scale. Extensive
16 discussion of pros and cons of mimicking currently used
17 score range versus different score range.

18 Well, the currently used range is the FICO score
19 range, and they're talking about mimicking. All right.
20 You know, is mimicking a word that means you're doing the
21 right thing? I would submit not. I would submit that
22 these people knew exactly what they were talking about when
23 they talked about should we mimic the FICO range.

24 The reason, of course, they want to mimic the
25 FICO range is that we had obviously established ourselves a

1 leader in the lender market, and we were the first to
2 launch a FICO score to the public in March of 2001 with
3 myFICO.com, and this was their discussion of whether they
4 in essence could figure that out off of all the work that
5 we had done.

6 Let's continue here. Let's now go to Plaintiffs'
7 Exhibit 22. It's November 16th of 2005, and let's go to
8 internal page 25. Would you enlarge that, Jeff? Let's
9 just look at a couple of things here. At this point, they
10 had decided to go with 501 to 990, and what do they say?

11 Easier adoption and implementation if score scale
12 is similar to others in the market. Well, who is the other
13 score in the market? That's us. Okay? And then there is
14 one on difficulty with consumer adoption if new scores are
15 generally lower than existing scores. I think that goes to
16 the 0 to 100. People might not be crazy about having a 78
17 when there is a different scale, but that's another issue
18 I'll address here.

19 Look at the bullet point that says, Cannot mimic
20 competitor scores exactly. Well, let's just think back
21 about this. So they acknowledge you can't mimic them
22 exactly. Well, why can't you mimic that them exactly?
23 Well, that would be wrong somehow, but we know that's
24 exactly what TransUnion did, and we'll look at their -- and
25 TransUnion is part, they're one-third owner of this.

1 So people know you can't copy exactly. They
2 think that it's okay to copy close because that's what this
3 gets to. Let's look at the next bullet point. The concept
4 of setting a new standard is valuable but too many hurdles.
5 So the concept of having a completely different score range
6 valuable because why would it be valuable? What does your
7 common sense tell you?

8 Brand distinction. No possibility of confusion,
9 whether it's 0 to 100, 0 to 300 or 1,000 to 2,000 or 1,000
10 to 1500. You would have the ability to set a new standard
11 and everything else, but too many hurdles. Well, what kind
12 of hurdles might there be? Let's just think about this.
13 Did Fair Isaac get to where it is today in the lender
14 market overnight? Of course not.

15 Of course not. Started in 1989 with the first
16 bureau score. Added other scores in the early nineties,
17 and all of a sudden after 20 years, they're an overnight
18 success. Took Fair Isaac a long time to get to that spot.
19 All right. The defendants wanted to shortcut that. They
20 wanted to shortcut getting substantial market penetration
21 and establishing themselves in the market.

22 The best way to do that was to mimic or copy the
23 scores. Let's now go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 505. This is
24 out of Experian's files. Okay? And what we see here, they
25 say FICO score range is 350 to 850. Apparently a typo. We

1 want to keep it close, but not exactly like FICO's.

2 And of course what did was, they went ahead with
3 the suggested change which was to go from -- you have to
4 remember the score was 300 to 900, and they went from 300
5 to 900 to 330 to 830. Well, why would they do that? Well,
6 we see, they want to keep it close but not exactly like
7 FICO's.

8 The score they actually sell to lenders, there
9 has been evidence about this, is the 300 to 900 score.
10 Mr. Oliai, Mr. Perfect Memory Man, came in and testified
11 about this whole laundry list of the scores. They didn't
12 pick any of those scores. They picked what was in essence
13 the FICO score range, but not quite but almost exactly.

14 Let's go to TransUnion. Now let's go to
15 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 201. These are, this is a list of
16 TransUnion risk models, and, Jeff, you could highlight 150
17 to 950. The TransRisk model that they use in the lender
18 market is 150 to 950. It's not the 300 to 850 that they
19 use when they're selling to consumers. All right?

20 There is no possible rational explanation for why
21 when they're out there with their bag of credit scores
22 going into banks and lenders and say, here's our score,
23 it's 150 to 950, why they couldn't use that same exact
24 score range when they're with consumers.

25 In fact, you would think they would say,

1 TransRisk credit score has a range of 150 to 950, exactly
2 what lenders use when they use a TransRisk score, and
3 that's what you Mr. and Mrs. Consumer should buy. Instead
4 they decide to knock off our score range.

5 Let's go to 326. This is an e-mail that you have
6 seen before, and it's Mr. Danaher is in the loop here. You
7 can see it's from Justin Depow saying I think we should use
8 the range 300 to 850 to be completely compatible with the
9 FICO scale, which is what we are trying to mimic.

10 Mr. Danaher sent back in about 45 seconds. Clear
11 copying, clear mimicking. Thought about it for 45 seconds,
12 even though in the lender market we're going 150 to 950,
13 just copy it when we're going in the consumer market.

14 Let's go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 647. I just
15 highlight this to show there are consumers out there --
16 highlight the top of that, Jeff -- some consumers out there
17 that refer to the TransRisk score as the fake-0 score.
18 They know, some people, consumers once they find out it's a
19 fake-0 score, and they know that inside of TransUnion.

20 Okay. I want to move on to another factor that
21 you can consider in secondary meaning. So we're on the
22 myth of there is no secondary meaning, and what we have
23 looked at is intentional copying. I want to look at extent
24 of sales of myFICO.

25 Remember that or FICO scores sold, and they were

1 sold through the myFICO.com web site. Remember it was
2 launched in March of 2001. Let's go to Plaintiffs'
3 Exhibit 925. Plaintiffs' Exhibit 925 is a memo to the
4 board of directors, and this is very shortly after the
5 launch. The launch was in March 19, 2001. This is May 1,
6 2001, so about five and a half to six weeks, and how was
7 this perceived?

8 This is one of the factors that you can take into
9 account, and what does it say? Volumes: Initial response
10 has surpassed expectations. We had over 20,000 orders by
11 the end of the first day, and remember, every single one of
12 these sales was of a score with a range 300 to 850, and
13 that range was clearly set forth on the -- it's been
14 consistent that the range has always been the same.

15 And an offering of just shy of 100,000 orders by
16 the end of March with only 13 days of service. It talks
17 about gross revenues of 583,000. Then it goes on to say,
18 So far the volume can be directly related to press
19 coverage. See information below, and let's go to that. So
20 what has been the press coverage?

21 Major media public relations blitzed. Leveraged
22 a wide variety of consumer media outlets. Is this the
23 first time that Fair Isaac has by design embraced direct to
24 consumer market and media attention. This was their first
25 foray into the direct to consumer market.

1 It says, This has also been the most positive
2 consumer media portrayal Fair Isaac has ever received. The
3 more notable coverage, not all of it, just the notable
4 coverage. 300 plus local and regional TV news programs
5 covered the story. Over 200 plus newspapers covered the
6 story, including papers as you see here, like the New York
7 Times, the LA Times, Washington Post and Wall Street
8 Journal, including, you know, well-known columnists Ken
9 Harney and Jane Bryant and then also on national public
10 radio as well. Okay?

11 Go to the next page, Jeff. Then some additional
12 stuff. Web portals, a lot of web portals covered it.
13 Microsoft Network, Wall Street Journal and Trade
14 Publications. You will recall the testimony of
15 Ms. Kramers-Dove, and I've got the number I think exactly
16 here, that through 2003 the sales of these 300 to 850
17 credit scores on myFICO, through all the channels, which
18 would be myFICO, and remember we had a partnership with
19 Equifax and one with TransUnion.

20 But through all channels had sold 5.3 million
21 scores, and then through spring, I think May of '05, there
22 was a press release. I won't bother flashing it up where
23 they sold ten million, and so it was a very successful
24 product, and each time it was sold, it was sold with that
25 score range.

1 Exclusive use. Another thing that you can
2 consider. No one else ever used 300 to 850 until
3 TransUnion came along and copied it. So we did in fact
4 have exclusive use of that until they came along and copied
5 the mark. Another thing you can consider is survey
6 evidence.

7 The only survey on secondary meaning is by this
8 fellow named Johnson. His survey, of course, is
9 fundamentally flawed. You will remember, and let's just
10 put up here as a demonstrative exhibit this 1507. This is
11 the question that was posed by Mr. Johnson, and I think it
12 is worth taking a look at this a little bit.

13 It says, As you may or may not know, a credit
14 report often contains a credit score. So right away we're
15 talking about reports and scores. Then he says, if you saw
16 a credit report, not if you saw a credit score, if you saw
17 a credit report containing a credit score which used a
18 range from 300 to 850, would that or wouldn't that tell you
19 anything about who or what company or organization was
20 responsible for creating or producing the credit score used
21 in that credit report.

22 The problems with this question are almost too
23 many to list, mixing up reports and scores. And as we
24 know, credit reports are produced by everybody but Fair
25 Isaac. Okay? We don't produce credit reports. Experian,

1 TransUnion and Equifax produce credit reports.

2 So necessarily, the right answer to this question
3 is, I wouldn't necessarily know. It's certainly not a
4 single source because it comes from all kinds of sources.
5 Mr. Jacoby, he's the professor from New York came into this
6 courtroom as a critic. Apparently, he's the smartest guy
7 in the world because even a lot of federal judges who
8 disagreed with him over the course of his testimony are
9 just plain wrong, according to his testimony.

10 Even he, however, said this is a double or triple
11 barrel question in response to seeing this when Mr. Larus
12 put that to him. That's not surprising. This is a survey
13 that was conducted by the defendants. I would submit that
14 this survey was clearly designed, it's just the questions,
15 to achieve the result they got. The result they got was no
16 secondary meaning.

17 It was clearly designed to do that. This isn't
18 the first time they've done that. Let's look at
19 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 665. Let's go back behind closed doors
20 again. Let's go back behind closed doors to TransUnion and
21 see what they have done here. Here he have got some e-mail
22 exchange involving Lucy Duni, and subject. Okay. Look at
23 the subject line: New Roper survey to prove low awareness
24 of FICO score.

25 Okay? Think about this. Just think about this.

1 Not, we're going to conduct a survey, a Roper survey to see
2 if FICO has some awareness. It's, we've decided how we
3 want to rig this survey. We're going to rig this survey to
4 prove low awareness. Go down toward the bottom of the
5 e-mails. Okay? I'm sorry. Yeah. So what do we have
6 here?

7 Hello, and it goes on. Emily put together some
8 potential survey questions. We want to ensure that the
9 final outcome shows very low awareness of the FICO name.
10 Now this happened to deal with the FICO name, not 300 to
11 850, so that we can share these results with Providian.

12 They wanted to sell their product to Providian
13 and show to Providian how FICO has low awareness, and
14 that's what they did behind closed doors, and then they
15 come into this courtroom with an expert with a survey that
16 is questioned as double or triple barreled by another
17 expert, and lo and behold, it doesn't show secondary
18 meaning.

19 Should we be surprised about that? No, we should
20 not be surprised about that because Mr. Johnson's survey, I
21 would submit, was rigged at least as bad as this Roper
22 survey that they talked about in Plaintiffs' Exhibit 665.

23 Let's now go to myth number four. Myth number
24 four: Consumers are not confused. The test, again, is not
25 whether -- the test, rather, is whether consumers are

1 likely to be confused about source, origin or sponsorship,
2 not whether they're actually confused, but whether they're
3 likely to be confused and prospective purchasers. Okay?

4 And you will have a whole laundry list of things
5 that you can consider, but as we look at the confusion
6 issue, let's take a look at what the defendants are doing,
7 and then let's look at the confusion issue. Let's start
8 with some web shots from TU. Let's look at Plaintiffs'
9 Exhibit 1198.

10 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1198, here we see a screen
11 shot, I would submit, very prominent use of 300 to 850. No
12 disclaimer. You recall some argument by TransUnion's
13 counsel about what they did was, they did a disclaimer. No
14 disclaimer here. Let's go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1201.
15 Again, similar. Prominent use of 300 to 850 in marketing
16 the product.

17 1125. If you walk through 1125, you saw some of
18 this in damages, here you see again the bar graph showing
19 300 to 850. Let's look at a couple of Experian web sites.
20 Let's look at Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1124. Here, you see if
21 you scroll that up, Jeff, very prominent use on a National
22 Score Index of 330 to 830 down there at the bottom, and
23 I'll take the next one, Jeff.

24 And let's look at another Experian web site.
25 This is from consumerinfo.com, and here we've got pretty

1 clear use of 330 to 830. Here the score range, now, what's
2 also interesting, and you can, we'll touch on this a little
3 later, but clear ability to use a different scale. Clear
4 ability to click on this button and see what you look like
5 on a 0 to 100 scale.

6 All right. And then it tells you about your PLUS
7 Score, and let's look at a few things it says about the
8 PLUS score. It says, the score is formulated using
9 information in your file. Some of these exhibits will
10 refer to your score, your credit score.

11 Remember when we had Mr. Williams on the stand.
12 I showed him all those banner ads that said, the banner ads
13 said what's your score, and I asked him, well, what score
14 are they talking about, and he didn't know. He knew it was
15 not the Experian score. He didn't know what score it was,
16 and yet, that score drives people to these web sites.

17 You will see if you look at this web site, and we
18 will look at another one in a second. You go through it
19 and ask yourself, all right, they're using the score.
20 Here's how they're marketing. They're using the score
21 range, and they are, I would submit, you get to make this
22 choice, submit clearly implied that the score they're using
23 has the same characteristic that consumers associate with
24 the FICO score that is used by lenders, and we, of course,
25 know that the Experian PLUS Score is not used by lenders.

1 Let's go to, let's see, 285 a second here.
2 Experian Exhibit 285, another one of their web sites. This
3 is from CreditExpert. You go back to the page at the end
4 here. You will see, again, use of -- you'll see in the
5 middle here, you know, reference to the range, and then it
6 talks about your PLUS Score explanation.

7 It says, your PLUS Score is formulated using the
8 information in your credit file. Your credit score helps
9 potential lenders, so they switch back and forth between
10 talking about your score, your PLUS Score, all with the
11 range, same page, close proximity here. This is the way
12 they market the products.

13 I would submit to you that that's done in a way
14 likely to cause confusion as to source here. Then they've
15 got several sites that they use. There is another one
16 called Q space. Let's see. EX 272. Let me get that.
17 Just a second.

18 It's another one of the Experian web sites, and
19 much like the other ones, it has the score range 330 to
20 830. Again, you can click a 0 to 100 scale. Discussions
21 again about how credit scores are used in application
22 processes, things of the like, and you go through this. I
23 would submit that the marketing package they have talks
24 about the score range in association with the
25 characteristic that consumers have come to associate with

1 the FICO score.

2 All right. Another way that they advertise is
3 through television ads. Okay? We're going to look at an
4 ad that has been played before. We call it the "I'm
5 thinking of a number," ad and just to highlight so you can
6 pick up on it, the young man in the commercial says, I'm
7 thinking of a number between I think it's 450 and 850, the
8 important part of course is the 850.

9 This is for FreeCreditReport.com, which is one of
10 Experian's web sites. They don't sell a score on this site
11 that goes to 850. They don't. They spent money on
12 television advertising that says I'm thinking of a score
13 that goes between 450 and 850, and it's your credit score.
14 It is an important number. FreeCreditReport.com. Why did
15 they do that? What does your common sense tell you why
16 they did that? They would want the people to recognize the
17 850 part of it because that's the FICO score.

18 **(Videotape PX 425 played.)**

19 MR. SCHUTZ: Now let's look at, now that we know
20 what it is they do, let's look at the impact of what it is
21 they do. Let's look at Plaintiffs' Exhibit 21. We'll
22 start with VantageScore. Just one e-mail will show up.
23 This is an e-mail to Barrett Burns, and you know Barrett
24 Burns would be the CEO, and if you could highlight the
25 paragraph here that says, you know, we did a VantageScore

1 interview today with bankrate.

2 And there is a discussion about a consumer who
3 got an Experian VantageScore of 668. Went to see her
4 mortgage lender thinking she would receive a prime rate,
5 but of course, she didn't because the scale is slightly
6 different, but she thought that, you know, the FICO score
7 the lender received was only 574 and the consumer wanted to
8 know why.

9 Points out that it makes a difference what is
10 being done out there. Let's go to some other evidence.
11 Let's look at Plaintiffs' Exhibit 462. This is an
12 internal, again. We're inside behind doors at Experian,
13 and they've got various call centers. This particular call
14 center handles reports about inquiries, a lot about credit
15 reports and scores that may come with that.

16 And it says here in the second bullet point
17 about, it says, One in five callers has one or more
18 questions about scores, and what are the questions? They
19 include a range of stuff, how to get a score, general
20 questions about scores including FICO. So some of these
21 callers are calling in to the Experian web site asking
22 about a FICO score. All right. Let's now go -- Jeff, I'll
23 take this one.

24 Let's now go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 433. All
25 right? These are call scripts that Experian put together

1 to give guidance to their call center operators on how to
2 respond to calls and e-mails. All right? And counsel,
3 when they said that the confusion can't be general
4 confusion, they're right about that.

5 The confusion has to be confusion related to the
6 sale of the product. Can't be simply, I'm confused about
7 credit scores. I have no idea what a credit score is. Can
8 you help me out there? That's not the test. That's not
9 the confusion that we have here. We have confusion that
10 people think they got a FICO score when they bought
11 something else. It's not general confusion. It's very
12 specific confusion about they think they got the FICO score
13 when they did not.

14 MR. MILNE: Objection, Your Honor. He is
15 misstating the law.

16 THE COURT: Again, just like with all of the
17 facts, with regard to the law, you are going to have to
18 trust me to give you the law to apply. Don't trust any
19 counsel's version of the law.

20 Let's proceed.

21 MR. SCHUTZ: Let's now look at what it is they
22 say here with the PLUS scripts. All right? And the
23 discussion here doesn't refer to any other score other than
24 the PLUS Score and the Fair Isaac score. All right? All
25 these other other scores that Mr. Memory Man Oliai

1 testified about, the 30 some scores, you won't find another
2 one of those in this particular call script.

3 All right? So a couple of things. These are
4 potential questions that we might look at. Let's go inside
5 this document and look at a few things. This is entitled,
6 this particular page is, PLUS Score is not the FICO score
7 and a couple of things here.

8 Two take-a ways from looking at this document,
9 and you know, there is this question in particular. It
10 says, I want a refund because this is not a FICO score.
11 The only reason somebody would ask a question and say I
12 want a refund because this isn't a FICO score is because
13 they thought they bought a FICO score when in fact that's
14 not what they got.

15 Two things to keep in mind here, though. They
16 clearly recognize that there is going to be confusion, and
17 they're prepping their operators to deal with that. What
18 do they say? Do they ever clear up the confusion, or is
19 the guidance actually in some circumstances perpetuate that
20 confusion?

21 So among the things that they, the guidance given
22 here is, they say PLUS Score is not a FICO score. They say
23 that. FICO is the company that developed it. Experian
24 developed the PLUS Score. Think of FICO and PLUS as a
25 couple of the many brand names of credit scores. In

1 general, they serve the same purpose, but different brand
2 names in the marketplace.

3 So, again, just basically saying, do the same
4 thing. You can buy the PLUS Score. You can buy the FICO
5 score. No difference. Let's go on. This one. Use of the
6 plus scores by lenders, which I've talked about as primary
7 characteristic we would submit that people associate with
8 the FICO score, and very specific question that a consumer
9 might ask. Can you tell me which lenders use the PLUS
10 Score? All right.

11 And you'll have a chance to look at this document
12 when you get back there, but what do they say? Experian
13 has a confidentiality agreement with each of their clients.
14 Experian cannot disclose information about their business
15 clients, including what products they purchase and use from
16 Experian. You know, it goes on. Never. And I asked I
17 think it was Mr. Williams, an Experian witness, why didn't
18 you just come out and give the simple answer, PLUS Score is
19 not used by lenders. Never did that. Okay.

20 Let's now look at TransUnion. Okay? Let's go to
21 Plaintiffs' Exhibit 649. This is, again, sticking with
22 actual confusion, Plaintiffs' Exhibit 649 is -- you take
23 it, Jeff -- is an internal. Again, we're inside the halls
24 of TransUnion, and let's look at I think it's internal page
25 4 here.

1 You look at the summary. Two things are
2 important here. A couple of sentences, the one that says,
3 third line that says there are several places on the
4 TrueCredit web site that there is either incomplete
5 description of the score, credit score being offered or no
6 description at all. Some customers believe that the score
7 they are receiving is the Fair Isaac & Company score.

8 There may be some testimony in the record. I
9 can't recall it exactly. I'll give Mr. Danaher the benefit
10 of the doubt that they then put a disclaimer saying it's
11 not a FICO score. Try to find that disclaimer when you go
12 back in the evidence. It may be in tiny, tiny print
13 lightly shaded on a web site at the very end somewhere.
14 Perhaps there is a disclaimer there.

15 If that's the way they tried to fix it, he
16 testified that there is still confusion today, and they
17 have not stopped. They have not done enough to stop the
18 confusion. We've also got TransUnion call logs. You
19 recall we had a huge box of documents. That's Exhibit 667.
20 We had a subset of that. We're just going to show you a
21 few of the items from the TransUnion call log.

22 Here is one. You know. This is what they wrote
23 inside Experian again. Wants a refund for the score
24 because customer thought it was a FICO. Told him it's a TU
25 and not a FICO and directed him to TUCS to get a FICO. He

1 demands refund because he says he got misled to get that
2 score. Let's look at another one.

3 This one says, Customer wants refund for scores.
4 He said that this is not the FICO score and that we lied to
5 him. I told him that the web site says score and FICO
6 score. Call a number. He gives the number. Let's look at
7 another one. Another one.

8 Refund given. She said that look the score
9 because it was the Empirica one FICO and that it is
10 incorrect. Explained to her the situation. Said there is
11 not any place on the web site that says we offer only the
12 TransRisk. Just customer satisfaction. Refund. One more,
13 and then we will move on.

14 This one, she wanted to order the FICO. You
15 know, big box of this stuff. They're spread throughout,
16 spread throughout this. So now let's look at the other
17 thing on confusion. So is there confusion? The test is
18 likelihood of confusion. We've shown actual confusion.

19 Even though there is no requirement to show
20 actual confusion, we've shown it. The other thing you can
21 consider on likelihood of confusion is survey evidence, so
22 let's talk about the survey evidence. Mr. Berger came in
23 here and presented testimony on a survey he had done on the
24 likelihood of confusion, and let's just take a look at the
25 results of that. I think it's slide 9, I think, here.

1 And here is the key take-away on this. The
2 levels of confusion increased in direct relation to how
3 close the score was to 300 to 850. If you recall back the
4 testimony, he used web site W and Z to mask what the
5 confusion levels were -- mask what the actual sites were,
6 as you can see, site W was the VantageScore site, and I
7 can't remember X and Y.

8 One was the Experian site, and one was the
9 TransUnion site. I can't remember which one was which.
10 The scores are very close. The point of the matter is that
11 VantageScore is a little farther away from 300 to 850, and
12 TransUnion is exact, and TU is almost exact. As this score
13 got closer to the exact copy, the confusion went up
14 demonstrates that the confusion is not general confusion
15 about credit score. It's specific confusion about ranges.

16 Now, another thing about Mr. Berger. Mr. Jacoby
17 came in here and criticized Mr. Berger. He did not have a
18 nice thing to say about Mr. Berger at all, and the
19 defendants brought two witnesses into this courtroom,
20 Mr. Jacoby and Mr. Johnson, both of whom are in the survey
21 business. Either one of which, either one of whom could
22 have conducted a likelihood of confusion survey but neither
23 of them did. So step back and ask yourself this question:

24 Well, likelihood of confusion is a big deal.
25 It's a big deal. They've said, well, why didn't we do a

1 secondary meaning survey. We've got copying and we've got
2 actual confusion, two important factors. We didn't need a
3 secondary meaning survey. We were the first in the market.
4 We've sold millions of scores.

5 We've satisfied a whole laundry list of the
6 things the judge was talking about. On consumer confusion,
7 on the likelihood of confusion, we brought in two folks.
8 Could have done that survey. Never did. Why didn't they
9 do it? Well, could it have been for lack of resources? I
10 don't think so. They had the resources to do it if they
11 wanted to.

12 They didn't do it because they knew that the
13 results of a survey would show that consumers were likely
14 confused about what was going on out there because that's
15 what actually happened. That's what is actually happening
16 today. Even Mr. Danaher testified about that, so that's
17 why they didn't do the survey because it would have yielded
18 the same results that Mr. Berger got.

19 Let's go to myth number five. Myth number five:
20 The defendants had to copy, they had to copy the 300 to 850
21 score. Okay? Technically, that's flat wrong, and again,
22 let's go to their documents, Plaintiffs' Exhibit 409.
23 Actually, this is one of our documents. I'm sorry, but it
24 talks about how, let's go to the -- there is a scoring.

25 This is in FICO scores, and the computer fields

1 using the FICO scores and the length here is 4. Internal
2 computer systems that take the FICO score are set up to
3 type a four-digit score. I think Mr. Larus elicited some
4 testimony perhaps from Mr. Danaher about five, you have to
5 rely on your own memory, but about five digit
6 possibilities.

7 So fact of the matter is, doesn't matter. You
8 can use -- you don't have to copy. You don't have to have
9 a three-digit number, and you don't have to copy the FICO
10 score. It has nothing to do with lender adoption issues
11 because what do we know about the infringing scores sold by
12 Experian and TransUnion?

13 They're not used by lenders. PLUS Score is not
14 sold to lenders, and the TransRisk score in the form it is
15 sold to consumers is not sold to lenders. When they sell
16 their TransRisk score, it's 150 to 950. So there is no
17 reason to copy our score other than they wanted to
18 piggyback off of our name recognition and good will to sell
19 their products.

20 This whole argument that Mr. Danaher says, well,
21 why would we want to copy somebody. That would be bad for
22 business. You know, people copy stuff all the time because
23 they want to sell the stuff and make money. That's why
24 people copy things. Copying has been proven over the
25 course of history to frequently be very good for business

1 because you get to piggyback off of somebody else's
2 trademark and their goodwill.

3 And of course we know the scores don't have to be
4 three-digit numbers. It can be any range. They are merely
5 cosmetic. Again, let's go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 18. This
6 is another e-mail in which Mr. Burns is involved. The
7 e-mail is to him. He's the CEO of VantageScore, and he's
8 getting some advice from Starkman & Associates, which is a
9 PR firm.

10 And it says here, Although VantageScore relies on
11 a three-digit number, a third party could easily develop a
12 competing score that returns a two- to four-digit number or
13 any other digit. Hence, do not make it appear that
14 VantageScore is asserting that credit scores need to be
15 three-digit numbers. Yeah. This is behind the walls.
16 This is without lawyer spin. It is behind the walls of
17 what is going on at VantageScore.

18 Let's take a look at at Plaintiffs' Exhibit 340,
19 internal page 15 of this. Project Trident business plan,
20 this is again where they're figuring out what score range
21 for VantageScore. If you look at market background, the
22 first sentence says, A credit score's range is merely
23 cosmetic.

24 I went through this with one of the witnesses.
25 You'll have this back there. The scientific background,

1 you can do anything. It's a probability between zero and
2 one. You can scale it just about any way you would like.

3 Myth number six. All right. Myth number six:
4 Myth number six is that Fair Isaac should lose because they
5 acquiesced and they waited too long to sue. A couple
6 things to keep in mind here. These folks have been doing
7 business with us for a long time. They have known about
8 our score range.

9 They have sold scores to lenders with our score
10 range, billions and billions of scores, and they recognize
11 that you can't mimic, that you can't copy. They
12 acknowledge it in the contracts, and we showed you some of
13 those, but here's what is required before they can prove
14 acquiescence, and you will have this.

15 And the judge is the final say on this, but I
16 believe that she will say something along the lines of,
17 that to prove this they must show that Fair Isaac actively
18 represented that it would not assert a right on the
19 infringement claim, that the delay between the act of
20 representation and the assertion of the right was not
21 excusable and that the delay caused harm to the defendants.
22 I would submit there is no evidence that we actively
23 represented to them that we would not assert a right on the
24 infringement claim.

25 Myth number seven: If Fair Isaac wins this case,

1 the world as we know it will come to an end. That's
2 another myth. Lenders are not in this case. Lenders are
3 not confused. Nothing is going to happen to the lender
4 market regardless of the outcome of this case. The world
5 is not going to come to an end.

6 Now, some of you may be thinking, well, wouldn't
7 it be nice if we could all get along and use the same
8 standard scale? Perhaps. The best scale to use if we
9 wanted to do that would be 0 to 100 because then you would
10 know. It would not be algorithm specific.

11 You would know where you would be on percentage
12 with the rest of the population. That could be very
13 useful, and of course, the defendants do in fact offer
14 that. TransUnion offers it as a risk percentage on some of
15 their web sites, as does the PLUS Score.

16 There is, there is a myth here that a score, say,
17 a 720 FICO is the same as a 720 PLUS Score. That's not
18 true because they use different algorithms. Right? So you
19 could have a consumer on an almost identical scale get a
20 PLUS Score of 730 think, well, wow, I'm going to get a
21 great mortgage rate. I'm going to get a low interest rate.

22 I'm going to my bank. I signed a purchase
23 contract on my house. I go to a bank, and the bank says
24 your FICO score that we're going to base the mortgage on is
25 680, and your interest rate is a half a point or a point

1 higher than what you thought you were going to get, and you
2 can't afford the house. That is the real world impact.

3 That's because they don't use the same underlying
4 algorithm, even if they used the identical score ranges.
5 So the idea that there are to be some standard score
6 ranges, everything is the same no matter what, is another
7 myth. That is another myth. If you really want some
8 standardization, people want to know where they sit in the
9 population, use 0 to 100.

10 Myth number eight: Fair Isaac committed fraud on
11 the PTO. Mr. Anderson testified, one of the first
12 questions he was asked in cross-examination by Mr. Larus
13 was, do you have an opinion as to whether Fair Isaac
14 committed fraud on the Patent and Trademark Office? And
15 his answer was, no. No. He was not offering that opinion.

16 He went and offered a lot of opinions, a lot, but
17 he would not offer that opinion, and there is a reason,
18 because Fair Isaac did not in fact commit fraud on the PTO.
19 They are focused on a couple of things. They have focused
20 on Cheri St. John, paragraph 12, where she said that based
21 on her personal knowledge she was not aware of any use of a
22 300 to 850 range as a unique identifier by anybody else.

23 First, the statement is absolutely true. Even by
24 the defendants' own admissions, they claim in this
25 courtroom not using their score range as a unique

1 identifier. They speak out of one side of their mouth for
2 that, and then when they want to find the trademark
3 invalid, they speak out of the other side, but you will
4 also remember Mr. Johnson testifying about what would be
5 relevant and material to the patent office in deciding
6 whether to grant the trademark.

7 I'm sorry. Mr. Anderson, among the things that
8 Mr. Anderson said was, you don't have to say what infringer
9 is doing out there. All right? Then he was asked this
10 question by Mr. Larus: "Now, I want to go to, I want to go
11 to Ms. St. John's declaration, and you were asked only a
12 couple of questions about this document, but I want to ask
13 some follow-up questions.

14 "And I believe the only paragraph that you
15 specifically talked about was the paragraph in which
16 Ms. St. John states, To the best of my knowledge, only the
17 FICO score uses the 300 to 850 range as a unique identifier
18 for credit bureau risk scores. Do you see that?

19 "Answer: Yes.

20 "Question: Sitting here today, are you aware of
21 any other party that has ever used the 300 to 850 as a
22 unique identifier for credit bureau risk scores?

23 :Answer: No."

24 This is after he has been hired and sorted
25 through everything. I don't know where they get the idea

1 that there was a fraud committed on the patent office,
2 especially intentional fraud, but there is another document
3 we should look at, Exhibit 762. This is an e-mail that
4 supposedly, supposedly gives some knowledge to Fair Isaac
5 about the knock-off score, a score of course Mr. Anderson
6 says is not relevant.

7 An infringer, somebody else is infringing or
8 copying your score, they're an infringer. You don't have
9 to deal with that. Let's look at in fact what this e-mail
10 said. There was a snippet of this put up I think by
11 Ms. Berens that left some stuff out. I think it's
12 important that we should look at the whole thing. All
13 right?

14 So it's talking about, this gets interesting when
15 you remember that TU's original customer score had a range
16 of 330 to 830. If memory serves, they didn't copy our
17 publicized FICO score range until later. Then it goes on
18 and says, TU has done a good job of hiding this
19 information. I can't find the score range for its consumer
20 score anywhere on TransUnion.com or TrueCredit.com.

21 All right? So he doesn't know. He can't find
22 it. All right? He can't find it. No knowledge on that.

23 Number nine: Last myth, and I will move on to a
24 couple of other things very quickly, is that the myth is
25 that Fair Isaac would have accepted \$75,000 from each of

1 its competitors in exchange for use of its 300 to 850 mark.

2 First of all, listen very carefully to what the
3 judge tells you about how to calculate the damages in this
4 case if you get to that point, and you will see among the
5 things that she tells you is that you can take factors that
6 you can consider are the same ones that Mr. Meyer
7 considered. Called them the Georgia-Pacific factors, and
8 he had a chart that had a couple of pages of
9 Georgia-Pacific factors, and you will get an instruction on
10 that.

11 We are not, and I think Mr. Remele said, and I'll
12 give him the benefit of the doubt that he misspoke. We are
13 not seeking lost profits. This is not a case about we have
14 to prove that we lost profits. There are different ways
15 you can measure damages. The way that Mr. Meyer chose was
16 a reasonable royalty.

17 If the defendants wanted to propose an alternate
18 theory that the measure of damages should be lost profits
19 and that Fair Isaac lost no profits, they could have done
20 so. They did not bring an expert in here to put forth an
21 alternate theory. They brought an expert in here to
22 criticize Mr. Meyer's reasonable royalty theory.

23 So if they want to make an argument that we have
24 to show we lost some profits, they can't do that because
25 they haven't presented any testimony. Mr. Meyer did not

1 say I am measuring damages based on the lost profits
2 analysis.

3 He has said, I'm doing it on a royalty basis, and
4 the way you calculate a royalty is, you look at a base --
5 remember, he had this -- you look at a revenue base, and
6 you have to remember that every single score that the
7 defendants sold was with a range that we allege is
8 infringing, every one. They haven't used some other range
9 and made some money selling scores with another range.

10 Every range has been alleged to be infringing,
11 and the context of a reasonable royalty calculation is
12 that, there is this hypothetical negotiation called legal
13 contract that the case law has set. It's two people
14 sitting down at the bargaining table negotiating, saying I
15 want to use 300 to 850, how much will it cost me, and
16 that's the analysis he went through, and it's for every
17 single use of it.

18 There is no causation factor on that. There is
19 no lost profits. It's I Experian, I TU, want to use that
20 score range in selling my consumer credit score product.
21 How much is it going to cost me, and that's the analysis
22 that Mr. Meyer went through, and it's a fairly
23 straightforward analysis. What's the revenue that would be
24 generated by that times some rate equals the royalty.

25 What Mr. Meyer did, and you will have, I think,

1 most of these slides. He provided you with a lot of tools
2 to make a decision on this. He went through and he
3 calculated agreement price, and he went through and
4 calculated actual revenue price, and for Mr. Meyer's hard
5 work in being very up front about what he was doing and
6 being meticulously detailed on how he put together his
7 numbers, he's criticized in somehow being sloppy or
8 speculative, and that's certainly not the case.

9 And the numbers, the numbers are what the numbers
10 are, right? He came up with and among the things he looked
11 at, one of the things that is driving the price at some
12 level is this bundling aspect, but they bundle their
13 products. They make a lot of money off of their products.
14 They make a lot of money off a site called
15 FreeCreditReport.com.

16 So the web sites they tell consumers about on
17 television and on web sites is Free Credit Report. You can
18 go there, and you can buy a score with a credit report.
19 They're not out there marketing CreditScore.com. They talk
20 about a free credit report. You can, in fact, get a free
21 credit report at annualcreditreport.com. You have seen
22 that testimony.

23 Mr. Meyer's slides will be available to you as to
24 how you go about analyzing that, and you know, the numbers,
25 the numbers are what the numbers are for Mr. Meyer. Right?

1 This is based on agreement prices, this particular chart,
2 and this one is based on actual revenues.

3 And a 40 percent royalty, that's what TransUnion
4 agreed to in an arm's length transaction. That's where he
5 started. Mr. Meyer didn't pull this number out of the air.
6 It's an actual contract between the parties. So those are
7 the nine factors, ladies and gentlemen. So I've got just
8 two brief things to cover, and then I am done. May I have
9 the Elmo, Jeff? Oh, I can take it up here.

10 The first is the special verdict form, and you'll
11 have this form, and you are going to decide who prevails in
12 this case and who loses, and if you decide that Fair Isaac
13 prevails in this case, this form has to be filled out in a
14 very specific manner.

15 All right? So if you come to the conclusion that
16 we have proven our case and we win, you have to fill the
17 form out. You have to fill question one out by saying yes,
18 we have shown secondary meaning, and then you have to fill
19 out number two that we have shown it before the following
20 defendants alleged infringing use.

21 Now just one comment on TU. There is zero
22 evidence of a web site that TU has put in in this case
23 showing their use of their knock-off score range before mid
24 2004. Mr. Danaher has testified about it. It's their
25 case, their company, not a single web site. You can search

1 high and low, and you won't find it. There have been tons
2 of web sites produced in this case.

3 The next page has questions on, you know, do they
4 have a similar score range without our consent in a manner
5 likely to cause confusion about source, sponsorship or
6 affiliation. That's the test, in a manner likely to cause
7 confusion about source, sponsorship or affiliation of their
8 products or services.

9 Then you get into what has been referred to as
10 the defenses, and you've got, is it functional. If you
11 want us to prevail, you check that no. If you want them to
12 win, you check it yes. Same thing on the fair use. You
13 need to check that no. Then here, acquiescence, again, no.
14 Then on this box on willful infringement, if you find that
15 what they have done is willful, then you check those boxes
16 yes.

17 Then question 8 which carries -- your form might
18 be slightly different. The questions are the same. Some
19 of the other information may change when you get the very
20 final version. This one is on money damages. It's got a
21 question here, and of course there is only Experian and
22 TransUnion because the VantageScore is sold through those
23 sites, and it is taken into account in Mr. Meyer's numbers.
24 I have left that blank.

25 Okay. I have checked the other ones because

1 those must be checked the way I said if we're going to
2 prevail. You have all the tools you need to make a
3 decision on what the right number is to put in there if you
4 find that we should win, and then there are three questions
5 on the fraud on the patent office, and we would submit that
6 each one of those needs to be checked no. All right?

7 So final point: Let's just -- what you do
8 matters. You are part of a tradition that goes back almost
9 800 years. Back in the year 1215, the barons of England
10 confronted King John and demanded certain rights, and one
11 of the rights they demanded, and it was written in a
12 document called the Magna Carta, was the right to a jury
13 trial.

14 That right carried through the English common law
15 and was taken over here by the founders of this country and
16 has been incorporated into this system, and so what you do
17 matters. You are the voice of the community, and your
18 decision in this case will say certain conduct is okay or
19 certain conduct is not okay.

20 And I have been doing jury trials for a long
21 time, and I think it's important to understand what it
22 means when you reach your verdict, and if you decide that
23 the defendants get off the hook here, ladies and gentlemen,
24 and if they walk out of this courtroom, and you find that
25 their behavior has not caused confusion to consumers, and

1 you find that Fair Isaac should take nothing for that, then
2 you will, what you will have in effect done is taken
3 Exhibit 326, which is the Experian copying exhibit, and you
4 will give it a seal of approval.

5 Actually, it's the TransUnion copied document.
6 You have given that seal of approval. You will have given
7 the copying done by Experian a seal of approval. You will
8 have given the call scripts a seal of approval. You will
9 have given the confusion evidence a seal of approval. You
10 will have given the web sites a seal of approval.

11 I have a lot of stickers, and I have a lot of
12 documents, but I hope that I have made the point that what
13 you do is incredibly important. You have not sat here for
14 three weeks at some academic mock exercise. Your decision
15 has an impact on what happens in the consumer marketplace.

16 With that, ladies and gentlemen, I thank you very
17 much for your time.

18 THE COURT: All right. Members of the Jury, I'm
19 going to send you to lunch now. I'm going to send you to
20 lunch in the custody of the court security officers, mainly
21 because I want to you get your lunch paid for at the
22 cafeteria downstairs, but also to make sure that nobody
23 runs away on me before I give you the instructions.

24 So we're going to send you to lunch now. We're
25 going to have you come back. We're going to have a little

1 shorter lunch hour, 45 minutes. We're going to begin at
2 quarter to two, at quarter to two. 1:45 we will begin, and
3 I will give you the instructions of law at that time.

4 The Court will be in recess until 1:45.

5 **(Lunch recess taken.)**

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1 (1:42 p.m.)

2 IN OPEN COURT

3 (Without the jury)

4 THE COURT: Good afternoon. Please be seated.

5 It's my understanding that someone had an issue
6 prior to the arrival of the jury.

7 Mr. Glancy, you appear to be the person.

8 MR. GLANCY: Your Honor, if I may.

9 There was a serious misrepresentation made in
10 Mr. Schutz's closing that we believe needs to be addressed
11 with the jury; otherwise, we have no remedy.

12 You may recall that Mr. Schutz represented that
13 Mr. Anderson testified in response to a question from
14 Mr. Larus that he had no opinion as to whether or not there
15 was fraud on the Trademark Office. He was never asked that
16 question by Mr. Larus. There is no --

17 THE COURT: This is the question about deception,
18 as I recall.

19 MR. GLANCY: Right. And then Mr. Schutz went so
20 far as to infer from that or ask the jury to infer that
21 Mr. Anderson had concluded that there was no fraud on the
22 Trademark Office.

23 Now, the only reason he was not testifying about
24 that was because your Honor restricted his testimony, so I
25 think it's fundamentally unfair for them to take -- to

1 leverage that restriction and suggest to the jury that
2 Mr. Anderson has no opinion when he clearly does. He's just
3 not able to testify to it. And the impression left by
4 Mr. Schutz is that Mr. Anderson had concluded for himself
5 that there is no fraud on the Trademark Office.

6 THE COURT: I don't think it -- I'm going to give
7 them the standard cautionary instruction about reliance on
8 what the Court says of the law and the facts. I do think
9 that there was no testimony with regard to Anderson and a
10 conclusion with regard to fraud, but he did clearly say that
11 he found -- that he didn't make an opinion with regard to
12 deception. The jury listened carefully to the testimony. I
13 don't think they'll rely on Mr. Schutz's version for that. I
14 think they've got their -- they've got their notes.

15 MR. GLANCY: I understand the point, your Honor.
16 It's just that, you know, there's been a week and a half of
17 testimony and I don't understand -- I don't see how a
18 reasonable juror could have in his or her notes what
19 Mr. Anderson did not testify about to check against
20 Mr. Schutz's representation.

21 THE COURT: Well, they could check to see if he
22 said anything about fraud.

23 MR. GLANCY: Right. Well, some people -- well,
24 here's the insidious part. I asked him up front whether or
25 not he was here to offer an opinion about intent and he said

1 no, which was true, because we wanted to make it clear to the
2 jury this is the box he's in. So that was the only question
3 about intent or fraud on that. And so they've taken my
4 question and insinuated that he affirmatively represented he
5 has no opinion, so they may actually recall there was a
6 question about intent asked of Mr. Anderson and he did say he
7 didn't have an opinion on that. This is the insidious game
8 being played here in the closing.

9 THE COURT: I understand and I understand where
10 you're coming from. I think any cure I attempt is going to
11 be worse than the harm. I think it may highlight that area
12 of the testimony unnecessarily. So we'll proceed to summon
13 the jury and get on with the instructions.

14 (Jury enters)

15 THE COURT: Good afternoon again. Please be
16 seated.

17 We are in the bottom of the ninth inning. What
18 remains is my instructions of law to you and I will do the
19 best I can to get through these instructions. Some of you
20 may have noticed I have something that my doctor calls an
21 irritated airway, and so if I can't make it, we may have to
22 take a break or worse case scenario, my law clerk may have to
23 read and I'll just move my lips and do it that way.

24 (Laughter)
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1 **COURT'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY**

2 THE COURT: Members of the Jury:

3 The instructions that I gave you at the beginning
4 of this trial and those that I gave you during the course of
5 the trial remain in effect, and I'm now going to give you an
6 additional set of instructions.

7 But you must, of course, continue to follow the
8 instructions I gave you earlier as well as those I'm giving
9 you in this set of instructions. This is true even though
10 some of the instructions that I gave you at the beginning of
11 the trial might not be repeated again now.

12 The instructions that I am about to give you, as I
13 mentioned this morning, are in writing and we're going to
14 provide several copies of those for your use in the jury
15 room. But I want to emphasize that just because these
16 instructions are in writing doesn't mean that they're any
17 more important than my earlier instructions. All
18 instructions, whether or not given to you in writing, must be
19 followed by the jury.

20 Now that you have heard the evidence and the
21 arguments of counsel, it does become my duty to give you the
22 instructions of the Court as to the law which is applicable
23 to this case.

24 And it is your duty as jurors to follow the law as
25 I shall state it to you and apply that law to the facts as

1 you find them to be from the evidence in this case. You are
2 not to single out any one instruction alone as stating the
3 law, but you should consider these instructions as a whole.
4 You're also not be concerned with the wisdom of any rule of
5 law as stated by me.

6 Now, the lawyers in their arguments have quite
7 properly referred to some of the governing rules of law, but
8 if there's any difference that appears to you between the law
9 as it's told to you by the lawyers in the case and that that
10 I'm giving you now in these instructions, you are of course
11 to be governed by the Court's instructions.

12 Now, nothing I have said in these instructions is
13 intended in any way to indicate to you that I have an opinion
14 about the facts of this case or what that opinion might be,
15 because it's not my function to determine the facts, but
16 rather that's your function. Also, during the course of the
17 trial, I've occasionally asked questions of a witness or made
18 various comments from time to time, but you should not assume
19 that because I asked any questions or said anything to the
20 witnesses, that I hold any opinion with regard to the matters
21 on which my questions were asked. Most of the time I think
22 they were to hurry up and get the witness to a point to be
23 efficient in our use of time and from time to time I tend to
24 add a little levity to the proceedings when the lifting gets
25 a little heavy around here.

1 You may perform your duties as jurors and you must
2 perform your duties without bias or prejudice to any party.
3 The law does not permit you to be governed by sympathy,
4 prejudice or public opinion. All of these parties have a
5 right to expect that you will carefully and impartially
6 consider all of the evidence, follow the law as it is now
7 being given to you, and reach a just verdict, regardless of
8 the consequences.

9 As you know, all of the parties in this case are
10 corporations, and a corporation is entitled to the same fair
11 trial at your hands as an individual. All parties, including
12 corporations, partnerships, unincorporated associations, and
13 all other types of organizations, stand equal before the law,
14 and are to be dealt with as equals in a court of justice.

15 A corporation, of course, can only act through its
16 employees, agents, directors, or officers. Therefore, a
17 corporation is responsible for the acts of its employees,
18 agents, directors, and officers performed within the scope of
19 those individuals' authority.

20 Now, I have allowed you during the course of the
21 trial to take notes and I know many of you have, and you may
22 use your notes with you in the jury room. But I want to
23 caution you that you should not consider your notes as
24 binding or conclusive, and that's true whether they're your
25 notes or those of one of your fellow jurors. Another way of

1 saying this is your notes should be used as an aid for your
2 memory, not a substitute for your memory. You should not
3 give greater weight to a particular bit of evidence solely
4 because someone chose to reduce it to writing. I want to
5 make clear to you that it's your recollection of the evidence
6 which should control, and you should disregard anything
7 contrary to your own recollection which might appear in your
8 notes or those of another juror.

9 Now, the statements and the arguments, all of the
10 things the lawyers say, are not evidence in the case, but
11 from time to time when the lawyers on both sides stipulate --
12 which is just really a lawyerly way of saying agree -- as to
13 the existence of a fact, the jury may, unless otherwise
14 instructed, accept that stipulation and regard that fact as
15 proved.

16 Unless you are otherwise instructed, the evidence
17 in this case always consists of the sworn testimony of the
18 witnesses, regardless of who may have called the witness; all
19 of the exhibits which were received in evidence, regardless
20 of who may have produced the evidence and the exhibits; and
21 all of the facts which have been admitted to or stipulated
22 to.

23 Now, the attorneys have at times objected to
24 evidence that they believed was not properly offered under
25 the rules of evidence. Any evidence to which an objection

1 was sustained by the Court, and any evidence I ordered
2 stricken during the course of the trial, must be entirely
3 disregarded by the jury.

4 If a lawyer asks a witness a question which
5 contains an assertion of fact, you may not consider the
6 assertion as evidence of the fact, because again, the
7 lawyers' statements are not evidence.

8 Now, the burden is on the plaintiff, in this case
9 Fair Isaac, to prove every essential element of their claims
10 by the greater weight of the evidence. If the proof shall
11 fail to establish any essential element of Fair Isaac's
12 claims by the greater weight of the evidence in the case, the
13 jury should find for the defendants as to those claims. In
14 addition, the defendants here have raised what are known as
15 affirmative defenses to Fair Isaac's claims. Defendants have
16 the burden of proving these affirmative defenses which I'll
17 be explaining to you in a few minutes.

18 To prove something by the greater weight of the
19 evidence means to prove that something is more likely so than
20 not so. In other words, the greater weight of the evidence
21 in the case means such evidence as, when considered and
22 compared with that opposed to it, has more convincing force,
23 and produces in your minds belief that what is sought to be
24 proved is more likely true than not true. The rule does not,
25 of course, require proof to an absolute certainty, since

1 proof to an absolute certainty would seldom be possible in
2 any case. You may have heard the term from time to time
3 "proof beyond a reasonable doubt." That is a stricter
4 standard, a higher standard of proof, which applies only in
5 criminal cases. It does not apply in civil cases such as
6 this and therefore you should put the notion of proof beyond
7 a reasonable doubt out of your minds for purposes of this
8 case.

9 In determining whether any fact in issue has been
10 proved by the greater weight of the evidence in the case, you
11 may, unless otherwise instructed, consider all of the
12 testimony of the witnesses, again, regardless of who may have
13 called them, and all of the exhibits which were received in
14 evidence, again, regardless of who may have produced them.

15 When I say in these instructions that a party has
16 the burden of proof on any particular proposition or claim,
17 or I use an expression such as "if you find" or "if you
18 decide," I mean that you must be persuaded, considering all
19 of the evidence in the case, that a proposition is more
20 probably true than not true.

21 As you know, there are three defendants in this
22 case: Experian, TransUnion, and VantageScore, LLC. However,
23 you should decide this case as to each defendant separately.
24 If you should find that one of the defendants is liable to
25 Fair Isaac, it does not necessarily follow that all

1 defendants are liable. Unless otherwise instructed, though,
2 my instructions are going to apply to all of the defendants.
3 And then you'll see as you get to the special verdict form
4 how it breaks out the different defendants as you proceed
5 through the questions.

6 Now, there are, generally speaking, two types of
7 evidence from which a jury may properly find the truth as to
8 the facts of the case. One of those we call direct evidence
9 and the other is circumstantial evidence. Direct evidence is
10 such things as the testimony of an eyewitness. The other
11 kind of evidence, circumstantial evidence, is also known as
12 indirect evidence and it is the proof of a chain of
13 circumstances pointing to the existence or the nonexistence
14 of certain facts.

15 As a general rule, the law makes absolutely no
16 distinction between direct and circumstantial evidence, but
17 simply requires that the jury find the facts in accordance
18 with the greater weight of all of the evidence in the case,
19 whether it's direct evidence or circumstantial evidence.

20 Now, you should consider only the evidence in the
21 case. But in your consideration of the evidence you are not
22 limited to the bald statements of the witnesses. In other
23 words, you are not limited to what strictly what you see and
24 hear as the witnesses testify. You are permitted to draw,
25 from the facts which you find have been proved, such

1 reasonable inferences as seem justified in light of your own
2 experience.

3 Inferences are deductions or conclusions which
4 reason and common sense lead the jury to draw from the facts
5 that have been established by the evidence in the case.

6 You will make your decision based upon what you
7 recall of the evidence. You will not have a typewritten
8 transcript of the case to consult. So it's your memories and
9 your notes that should guide in your deliberations.

10 Now, ordinarily the rules of evidence do not permit
11 witnesses to come into court and to express opinions or
12 conclusions, but there is an exception to that opinion rule
13 as to witnesses who we call expert witnesses. Witnesses who,
14 by virtue of their education and experience, have become
15 expert in some art, science, profession, or calling, may
16 state their opinions as to relevant and material matters in
17 which they profess to be expert, and may also state their
18 reasons for their opinions.

19 You should consider each expert opinion received in
20 this case and give it such weight as you think it deserves.
21 If you should decide that the opinion of an expert witness is
22 not based upon sufficient education and experience, or if you
23 should decide that the reasons given in support of the
24 opinion are not sound, or if you feel that it is outweighed
25 by other evidence, you have the right to disregard the

1 opinion entirely.

2 During the course of the trial, I have allowed
3 certain charts and summaries to be shown to you in order to
4 help explain the facts which are disclosed by the books,
5 records, and other documents which are in evidence in the
6 case. However, any charts or summaries are not in and of
7 themselves proof or evidence of any facts. If such charts or
8 summaries do not correctly reflect the facts or figures shown
9 by the evidence in the case, you should disregard them.

10 In other words, charts and summaries are used only
11 as a matter of convenience, so if and to the extent that you
12 find they are not in truth summaries of facts or figures
13 shown by the evidence in the case, you are to disregard them
14 entirely.

15 Now, you are not bound to decide any issue of fact
16 in accordance with the testimony of any number of witnesses
17 that does not produce in your minds belief in the likelihood
18 of truth, as against the testimony of a lesser number of
19 witnesses or other evidence which does produce such belief in
20 your minds.

21 In other words, the test is not which side brings
22 the greater number of witnesses or presents the greater
23 quantity of evidence, but which witness, and which evidence,
24 appeals to your minds as being most accurate or otherwise
25 trustworthy.

1 The testimony of a single witness which produces in
2 your minds belief in the likelihood of truth is sufficient
3 for the proof of any fact, and would justify a verdict in
4 accordance with such testimony even though a number of
5 witnesses may have testified to the contrary, if, after
6 consideration of all of the evidence in the case, you hold
7 greater belief in the accuracy or the reliability of the one
8 witness.

9 Now, one of your principal jobs as jurors will be
10 to determine the credibility -- that's another word for
11 believability -- of each of the witnesses and the weight that
12 their deserves. You may be guided by the appearance and
13 conduct of the witness, or by the manner in which the witness
14 testifies, or by the character of the testimony given, or by
15 evidence to the contrary of testimony given.

16 You should carefully scrutinize all of the
17 testimony given, the circumstances under which each witness
18 has testified, and every matter in evidence which tends to
19 show whether a witness is worthy of belief. Consider each
20 witness's intelligence, motive, and state of mind, and the
21 witness's demeanor or manner while on the witness stand.
22 Consider the witness's ability to observe the matters as to
23 which he or she has testified, and whether he or she
24 impresses you as having an accurate recollection of these
25 matters. Consider also any relation each witness may bear to

1 either side in the case, the manner in which each witness
2 might be affected by your verdict, and the extent to which,
3 if at all, each witness is either supported by or
4 contradicted by other evidence in the case.

5 Now, inconsistencies or discrepancies in the
6 testimony of a witness, or between the testimony of different
7 witnesses, may or may not cause you as the jury to discredit
8 such testimony. As I think we all know, two or more persons
9 witnessing an incident or a transaction may simply see and
10 hear it differently, and innocent misrecollection, just like
11 failure of recollection, is not an uncommon experience. In
12 weighing the effect of a discrepancy, always consider whether
13 it pertains to a matter of importance or an unimportant
14 detail, and whether that discrepancy results from an innocent
15 error or an intentional falsehood.

16 After making your own judgment, you will give the
17 testimony of each witness such weight, if any, that you think
18 it deserves. Again, you should rely upon your own
19 experience, good judgment, and common sense.

20 You may, in short, accept or reject the testimony
21 of any witness either in whole or in part.

22 A witness may be discredited or -- another lawyerly
23 word -- impeached by contradictory evidence, or by evidence
24 that at some other time the witness has said or done
25 something or has failed to say or do something which is

1 inconsistent with the witness's present testimony.

2 If you believe that any witness has been impeached
3 and thus discredited, it is your exclusive province to give
4 the testimony of that witness such credibility, if any, that
5 you may think it deserves.

6 If a witness is shown to knowingly have testified
7 falsely concerning any material matter, you have a right to
8 distrust such witness's testimony in other particulars, and
9 you may reject all of the testimony of that witness or you
10 may give it such credibility as you think it deserves.

11 An act or omission is knowingly done if done
12 voluntarily and intentionally and not because of mistake or
13 accident or other innocent reason.

14 The law does not require any party to call as
15 witnesses all persons who may have been present at any time
16 or place involved in the case or who may appear to have some
17 knowledge of the matters in issue at this trial. Nor does
18 the law require any party to produce as exhibits all papers
19 and things mentioned in the evidence in the case.

20 I'm sure you will recall that during the course of
21 this trial certain testimony was presented to you by way of
22 videotape deposition and maybe regular depositions. I can't
23 remember. There may have been some. I can't remember if
24 there were any just read to you. I think they were all
25 videotape. But these depositions consist of the sworn

1 recorded answers to questions which were asked of the witness
2 in advance of the trial by one or more of the attorneys for
3 the parties to the case. The testimony of a witness who, for
4 some reason, cannot be present to testify from the witness
5 stand may be presented in writing under oath or on a video
6 recording played on a monitor like we did in this case. Such
7 testimony by videotape is entitled to the same consideration
8 and is to be judged as to its credibility, and weighed, and
9 otherwise considered by the jury, insofar as possible, in the
10 same way as if the witness had been present and had testified
11 from here on the witness stand.

12 You might recall that at the beginning of this
13 trial I previewed some of the legal concepts which you heard
14 during the course of the trial, and I'm now going to explain
15 some of those concepts again, as well as the other legal
16 concepts that you will need to understand to decide this
17 case.

18 A trademark is also referred to in short as a mark,
19 and it is a word, name, symbol, or device, or a combination
20 of those things, that indicates the source of products or
21 services. The owner of a valid trademark has the right to
22 exclude others from using the mark or a similar mark in a
23 manner that would be likely to cause confusion as to the
24 source, sponsorship, or affiliation of the products or
25 services at issue and may enforce this right in an action for

1 trademark infringement.

2 Rights in a trademark are obtained only through
3 commercial use of the mark. It is not necessary for the
4 owner of the trademark to obtain a registration of its mark
5 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, but
6 registration provides certain additional rights and benefits
7 to the owner.

8 You have heard during this trial that Fair Isaac
9 obtained registrations from the United States Patent and
10 Trademark Office of its trademarks relating to the 300 -- and
11 I don't know for sure what you call the little thing, the
12 little bar in the middle, whether it's a hyphen or a dash,
13 but I think you know what I'm talking about -- 300 -- and I'm
14 going to say dash -- 850 scoring range. Once the owner of a
15 trademark has obtained the right to exclude others from using
16 the trademark, the owner may also obtain a certificate of
17 registration issued by the Patent and Trademark Office. When
18 the owner of a registered trademark brings an action for
19 infringement of a trademark, a certificate of registration is
20 evidence of the validity of the mark and the registration,
21 the owner's ownership of the trademark, and the owner's right
22 to exclude others from using the trademark. However,
23 registration of the "300-850" trademark is not conclusive as
24 to the validity of the trademark, and you may also consider
25 evidence offered by the defendants that the "300-850"

1 trademarks are invalid.

2 Fair Isaac's trademark registrations and the
3 registration certificates were admitted to show issuance of
4 the mark. The registrations and certificates should not be
5 considered as evidence of secondary meaning in the term
6 "300-850."

7 Now, it is important for you to understand that
8 throughout these instructions from now on, I'm going to
9 "300-850" as a trademark or mark, and whether it's a valid
10 trademark will be for you to determine in accordance with
11 these instructions. But for convenience and ease of
12 reference so that I don't have to keep saying "alleged
13 trademark" or "alleged mark," I'm going to refer to "300-850"
14 as a trademark.

15 Fair Isaac alleges that the defendants are
16 infringing its trademarks in the term "300-850." To prevail
17 on this infringement claim, Fair Isaac has the burden of
18 proving two elements by the greater weight of the evidence,
19 and here are the two elements:

20 1. That the term "300-850" is a valid,
21 protectable mark; and

22 2. That the defendants made use of a same or
23 similar term without the consent of Fair Isaac in a manner
24 that is likely to cause confusion among ordinary customers as
25 to the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of the credit

1 scoring products or services.

2 As I mentioned earlier, you should decide this case
3 as to each defendant separately. Accordingly, you shall
4 evaluate each of the elements just mentioned as to each
5 defendant separately. In other words, your determination of
6 these elements to a particular defendant need not necessarily
7 be the same as your determination to the other defendants.

8 All right. Now, John is going to display on the
9 monitor so that you can follow along with me the questions as
10 I'm going to walk you through the special verdict form.

11 There you will see the official case caption of the
12 case, Fair Isaac Corporation versus Experian Information
13 Solutions, TransUnion LLC, VantageScore, LLC, and some other
14 material there, and it lists Special Verdict Form and the
15 civil case number, all of which are important to the court
16 system but you shouldn't worry about.

17 "We, the jury in the above-titled matter, find the
18 following answers to the following questions submitted to us
19 by the Court."

20 And Question Number 1 asks you, as you see there:
21 "Has '300-850' acquired secondary meaning?"

22 Again, the first element of Fair Isaac's claim that
23 the defendants are infringing the alleged "300-850" mark is
24 that the mark is valid. This descriptive mark is valid and,
25 thus, protectable, only if you find that the term "300-850"

1 has acquired what is known as secondary meaning.

2 A term acquires secondary meaning when it has been
3 used in such a way that its primary significance in the minds
4 of the prospective consumers is not the product itself, but
5 the identification of the product with a single source,
6 regardless of whether consumers know who or what that source
7 is. The evidence must show that a significant number of the
8 consuming public associate the term "300-850" with a single
9 source in order to find that it has acquired secondary
10 meaning. It is for you to decide how many constitute a
11 significant number.

12 You may consider the following factors in
13 determining whether the term "300-850" has acquired secondary
14 meaning. Here's a list now I'm going to give you of nine
15 different factors to consider in determining secondary
16 meaning.

17 1. Whether the consumers who purchase the products
18 or services that bear a "300-850" trademark associate the
19 trademark with a single, anonymous source;

20 2. To what degree and in what manner Fair Isaac
21 may have advertised under the "300-850" trademark;

22 3. Whether Fair Isaac successfully used the
23 "300-850" trademark to increase the sales of its products or
24 services;

25 4. The length of time and manner in which Fair

1 Isaac used the "300-850" trademark;

2 5. Whether Fair Isaac's use of the "300-850"
3 trademark was exclusive;

4 6. Whether the defendants intentionally copied
5 Fair Isaac "300-850" trademark;

6 7. Whether the defendants' uses of scoring ranges
7 claimed to be similar to the "300-850" mark has led to actual
8 confusion regarding source;

9 8. The results of consumer surveys; and

10 9. The extent to which Fair Isaac holds an
11 established place in the market.

12 Just because Fair Isaac is using the term "300-850"
13 or began using the term before the defendants used their
14 scoring ranges does not, by itself, mean that Fair Isaac is
15 using the term as a trademark or that the term has acquired
16 secondary meaning. However, there is no particular length of
17 time that a trademark must be used before it obtains
18 secondary meaning.

19 If you find that the term "300-850" has not
20 acquired secondary meaning, then Fair Isaac's "300-850" mark
21 is not valid and protectable. If you find that the term has
22 acquired secondary meaning, you must then determine whether
23 Fair Isaac so used the term as to develop a secondary meaning
24 before the defendants began their allegedly infringing
25 conduct. If you find that Fair Isaac has not established

1 that Fair Isaac so used the term to develop a secondary
2 meaning before a particular defendant began its allegedly
3 infringing conduct, there has been no infringement of the
4 "300-850" trademark as to that defendant.

5 And that issue about the timing is addressed in
6 Question Number 2 which will pose the following question to
7 you for an answer: "Did '300-850' acquire secondary meaning
8 before the following Defendants' allegedly infringing uses,"
9 and you'll see a subquestion there as to each defendant,
10 Experian, TransUnion, and VantageScore, and a yes or a no.

11 Now, you'll see following each question, like after
12 Question 1, we've given you some signaling language which
13 tells you where to go, because there's some questions you may
14 not need to answer depending upon your answer to various
15 questions. And hopefully we've gotten our signals right.
16 We've all tried to proofread this a number of times to make
17 sure we've got it down.

18 But if your answer to Question Number 1 is yes, you
19 would then continue to Question Number 2, logically. If you
20 answer Question Number 1 no, you will be skipping over
21 Questions 2 through 8 and proceeding to Question Number 9.

22 Now, I'm going to assume that you've gotten to
23 Question Number 2 because I've just read that to you, and
24 again, with regard to your second answer as it relates to the
25 subparts as well, if your answer is yes as to a defendant,

1 you then continue on to Question Number 3 as to that
2 defendant. If your answer is no, again, you would then skip
3 ahead to Questions 3 through 8 as to that defendant.

4 All right. Now I think we are ready to move on to
5 Question Number 3, which asks you: "Did the following
6 Defendants use a mark the same as or similar to Fair Isaac's
7 "300-850" mark without Fair Isaac's consent in a manner that
8 is likely to cause confusion about the source, sponsorship,
9 or affiliation of their products or services?" And then you
10 will answer the question as to each defendant, Experian,
11 TransUnion, and VantageScore. If your answer is yes as to a
12 defendant, you would continue to Question Number 4 with
13 respect to that particular defendant. If you answer Question
14 Number 3 no as to a defendant, you do not answer Questions 4
15 through 8 as to that defendant.

16 Any further reference I make to the term "300-850"
17 being a mark or trademark assumes again that you have found
18 the term to be a valid trademark. Again, I'm doing this
19 simply for ease of reference and does not suggest that I have
20 a view one way or another on the issue of secondary meaning.

21 The second element of Fair Isaac's infringement
22 claims requires you to consider whether the defendants used
23 Fair Isaac's "300-850" trademark in a manner that is likely
24 to cause confusion about the source, sponsorship, or
25 affiliation of their products or services. General confusion

1 about credit scoring or reporting is not sufficient. Like
2 your evaluation of the first element, your evaluation of this
3 element is required as to each defendant. You may draw upon
4 your common experience as citizens of the community in
5 deciding this question. In addition to the general knowledge
6 you have acquired throughout your lifetimes, you may also
7 consider the following list of factors:

8 1. The strength or weakness of Fair Isaac's mark.
9 The more the consuming public recognizes Fair Isaac's
10 trademark as an indication of origin of Fair Isaac's products
11 or services, the more likely it is that consumers would be
12 confused about the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of the
13 defendants' products or services if the defendants use a
14 similar mark.

15 Another factor you consider is the defendants' use
16 of the mark. If the defendants and Fair Isaac use their
17 trademarks on the same, related or complementary kinds of
18 products or services, there may be a greater likelihood of
19 confusion about the source of the products or services than
20 otherwise.

21 Third factor: Similarity of Fair Isaac's and the
22 defendants' marks. If the overall impression created by Fair
23 Isaac's trademark in the marketplace is similar to that
24 created by the defendants' trademark in appearance, there is
25 a greater chance of likelihood of confusion.

1 Another factor is actual confusion. Actual
2 confusion as to the source, sponsorship, or affiliation is
3 not required for a finding of likelihood of confusion. Even
4 if actual confusion did not occur, the defendants' uses of
5 the trademark may still be likely to cause confusion. If
6 uses by the defendants of Fair Isaac's trademark have led to
7 instances of actual confusion, this strongly suggests a
8 likelihood of confusion. As you consider whether the
9 trademark used by the defendants creates for consumers a
10 likelihood of confusion with Fair Isaac's trademark, you
11 should weigh any instance of actual confusion against the
12 opportunities for such confusion. If the instances of actual
13 confusion have been relatively frequent, you may find that
14 there has been a substantial actual confusion. If, by
15 contrast, there is a very large volume of sales, but only a
16 few isolated instances of actual confusion, you may find that
17 there has not been substantial actual confusion. I will
18 caution you, however, that you should consider only those
19 instances of actual confusion that you find were caused by
20 the defendants' uses of Fair Isaac's trademark, as opposed to
21 instances of actual confusion that were caused by other
22 factors.

23 Next factor to consider: Defendants' intent.
24 Knowing use by a defendant of Fair Isaac's mark to identify
25 similar products or services may strongly show an intent to

1 derive benefit from the reputation of Fair Isaac's mark,
2 suggesting an intent to cause a likelihood of confusion. On
3 the other hand, even in the absence of proof that a defendant
4 acted knowingly, the use of Fair Isaac's trademark to
5 identify similar products or services may indicate a
6 likelihood of confusion.

7 Another factor to think about is marketing and
8 advertising channels. If Fair Isaac's and the defendants'
9 products or services are likely to be sold through the same
10 or similar channels, or advertised in similar media, this may
11 increase the likelihood of confusion.

12 Consider also the consumer's degree of care. The
13 more sophisticated the potential buyers of the products or
14 services or the more costly the products or services, the
15 more careful and discriminating the reasonably prudent
16 consumer exercising caution may be. They may be less likely
17 to be confused by similarities in Fair Isaac's and the
18 defendants' trademarks.

19 Another factor to consider is the results of
20 consumer surveys.

21 You're also allowed to consider other any other
22 factors about Fair Isaac's and the defendants' products or
23 services that would tend to reduce or increase the likelihood
24 of confusing the consumer as to the source, sponsorship, or
25 affiliation of the products or services.

1 In light of these considerations and your own
2 common experience, you must determine if ordinary consumers,
3 neither overly careful ones nor overly careless ones, would
4 be confused as to the origin of the product or service, upon
5 encountering the marks as the respective parties may have
6 used them in connection with their products and services. No
7 one factor or consideration is conclusive, but each aspect
8 should be weighed in light of the total evidence presented
9 during the trial.

10 Question Number 4. As you can see on the screen
11 there, Question Number 4 is going to ask you: "Is the term
12 '300-850' a feature of Fair Isaac's products or services that
13 is 'functional'?"

14 As I mentioned earlier, the defendants have raised
15 certain affirmative defenses to Fair Isaac's claims. The
16 defendants have the burden of proving these defenses by the
17 greater weight of the evidence. The first such defense is
18 that the term "300-850" is a feature of Fair Isaac's products
19 or services that is "functional." Features that are
20 functional are not entitled to trademark protection. A
21 feature is functional if it is essential to the use or
22 purpose of the product or service or if it affects the cost
23 or quality of the product or service. If restricting the
24 ability to use that feature to one provider of the products
25 or services, to the exclusion of competitors, would

1 significantly hinder the competitors' ability to compete
2 effectively, the feature is functional. But if a competitor
3 can effectively compete without copying the particular
4 feature, then the feature is not functional. If you find
5 that the defendants have proved this defense by the greater
6 weight of the evidence, there has been no infringement of
7 Fair Isaac's "300-850" mark.

8 If you answer Question 4 no -- that's the one about
9 functional -- you would continue to Question 5. If you
10 answer yes, you would be skipping ahead as to that defendant
11 who you are tracking as you go through the special verdict
12 form. And you would get to Question Number 5, which poses
13 the following question to you: "Did the following Defendants
14 prove their 'fair use' defense to the claim of infringement
15 of the "300-850" mark?" And again, you will be asked
16 questions to separate out each of the three defendants,
17 Experian, TransUnion, and VantageScore.

18 The defendants assert the affirmative defense of
19 'fair use' to the claims regarding the "300-850" mark. Under
20 the law, the owner of a trademark cannot exclude others from
21 making fair use of that mark. A defendant makes fair use of
22 a mark when the defendant uses it other than as a trademark
23 to accurately describe the defendant's own products or
24 services.

25 To prevail on this defense, a defendant must prove

1 the following elements by the greater weight of the evidence,
2 and this time we have a set of three elements.

3 1. The Defendant used "300-850" otherwise than as
4 a trademark;

5 2. The Defendant used "300-850" fairly and in good
6 faith; and

7 3. The Defendant used "300-850" only to describe
8 its products or services.

9 Again, remember that you are to decide this case as
10 to each defendant separately. Therefore, you should evaluate
11 each of the elements just mentioned as to each defendant
12 separately. Your determination again of whether a particular
13 defendant has established these elements need not necessarily
14 be the same as your determination regarding the other
15 defendants.

16 If you find that a defendant has proved this
17 defense by the greater weight of the evidence, there has been
18 no infringement of Fair Isaac's "300-850" mark as to that
19 defendant.

20 I think we'll take what probably is going to be our
21 last standing stretch break together. Two outs in the ninth.
22 Just one to go.

23 (Laughter)

24 (Pause)

25 THE COURT: Okay? Everybody ready?

1 I believe we are to Question Number 6. Question
2 Number 6 poses the following interrogatory to you. It says:
3 "Did Fair Isaac 'acquiesce' to the infringement of the
4 "300-850" mark by the following Defendants," and I'm guessing
5 you know the three defendants by now: Experian, TransUnion,
6 and VantageScore.

7 Defendants assert the affirmative defense of
8 acquiescence regarding the "300-850" mark. Acquiescence
9 means the active consent through words or actions by the
10 owner of a mark to another's use of the mark. To establish
11 this defense, defendants must prove by the greater weight of
12 the evidence that -- three factors:

13 1. Fair Isaac actively represented that it would
14 not assert a right on the infringement claim;

15 2. The delay between the active representation and
16 the assertion of the right or claim was not excusable; and

17 3. The delay caused undue prejudice to the
18 defendants.

19 In evaluating whether any delay was not excusable,
20 the time of the alleged delay is measured not from when Fair
21 Isaac first learned of the potentially infringing use, but
22 instead from when such infringement became actionable and
23 provable. In this regard, you may also take into account the
24 extent to which Experian and TransUnion altered or expanded
25 their marketing efforts or changed the nature of their uses

1 over time in such a manner that their uses became more
2 similar to Fair Isaac's "300-850" mark or more directly
3 competitive with Fair Isaac.

4 Again, you should evaluate this defense as to each
5 defendant separately. If you find that a defendant has
6 proved the elements of this defense by a greater weight of
7 the evidence, there has been no infringement of Fair Isaac
8 "300-850" mark as to that defendant.

9 Question Number 7 reads as follows: "Was any
10 infringement of the '300-850' mark by the following
11 Defendants willful?" Again, you will be required to answer
12 that question as to Experian, TransUnion, and VantageScore.

13 If you find that a defendant infringed Fair Isaac's
14 "300-850" trademark, you must also determine whether that
15 defendant's infringement was willful. A defendant's
16 infringement was willful if you find that the defendant
17 intentionally set out to deceive or confuse consumers as to
18 the source, sponsorship, or affiliation of its products or
19 services.

20 The next three instructions all relate to Question
21 Number 8 which I'll refer to as the damages question.
22 Question Number 8 as you'll see it on the verdict form will
23 ask you: "What amount of money in the form of a 'reasonable
24 royalty' will fairly and adequately compensate Fair Isaac for
25 any damage caused by Experian's and TransUnion's infringement

1 of the '300-850' mark," and you'll have to answer that
2 breaking out the damages as to Experian and TransUnion.

3 If you find that Fair Isaac has proved an
4 infringement claim against a defendant, you must then
5 determine the amount of money that will reasonably and fairly
6 compensate Fair Isaac for any injury you find was caused by
7 that defendant's infringement of Fair Isaac's trademark. For
8 an injury to be "caused" by a defendant's infringement means
9 that the infringement played a substantial part in bringing
10 about the injury. Fair Isaac has the burden of proving its
11 actual damages by the greater weight of the evidence.
12 Determination of damages must not be based upon speculation
13 or guess.

14 Fair Isaac seeks damages on its claims against
15 Experian and TransUnion for what is known as a "reasonable
16 royalty." A reasonable royalty is an amount of money that a
17 trademark owner and a defendant would have agreed upon or
18 agreed to in a hypothetical arm's-length negotiation taking
19 place at the time when that defendant's alleged infringement
20 first began. You may award a reasonable royalty as damages
21 only for past infringement you may find. You should not
22 consider any future infringement.

23 You may consider the following long list of factors
24 in determining a royalty, and I think there are 14 of those
25 and I'll read those to you now. These are the factors that

1 apply in consideration of a reasonable royalty:

2 1. Royalty rates received by prior licenses by
3 Fair Isaac;

4 2. Prior rates paid by Experian and TransUnion;

5 3. The nature and scope of the license, such as
6 exclusive or nonexclusive;

7 4. Fair Isaac's licensing policies;

8 5. The commercial relationship between Fair Isaac
9 and Experian and TransUnion;

10 6. The special value of the mark to Experian and
11 TransUnion;

12 7. The duration of the trademark and the term of
13 license;

14 8. The profitability of the trademark;

15 9. The utility and advantages of the trademark
16 over prior marks;

17 10. Benefits to those who have used the trademark;

18 11. The extent to which Experian and TransUnion
19 have used the mark;

20 12. Reasonable royalties within the industry;

21 13. Opinion testimony by experts; and finally

22 14. The amount that the parties would have agreed
23 upon in voluntary negotiations.

24 Now, the fact that I have instructed you as to the
25 proper measure of damages should not be considered by you as

1 intimating any view of mine as to which party is entitled to
2 your verdict in this case. Instructions as to the measure of
3 damages are given to you for your guidance in the event you
4 should find in favor of a party from the greater weight of
5 the evidence in accordance with the other instructions.

6 Let me now read to you Questions 9, 10 and 11 of
7 the special verdict form.

8 Question 9 will ask you to answer this question:
9 "Did Fair Isaac make a false representation of fact during
10 the application process to the United States Patent and
11 Trademark Office for registrations of the '300-850'
12 trademark?"

13 If your answer to Question 9 is yes, you would
14 continue to Question 10. If your answer to Question 9 is no,
15 you would have completed the special verdict form and you
16 would not answer Questions 10 nor 11.

17 Question 10 asks you to determine: "Did Fair Isaac
18 know the representation to be false when it was made and
19 intend to deceive the United States Patent and Trademark
20 Office?"

21 Again, if your answer is yes, you would continue on
22 to Question 11. However, if your answer is no, you would not
23 answer Question 11.

24 And finally, Question 11 asks you to determine:
25 "Did the United States Patent and Trademark Office rely on

1 the false representation in deciding to issue the
2 registrations?"

3 Again, that would be responded to with a yes or no
4 answer.

5 As I told you at the beginning of the case, the
6 defendants have asserted what's called a counterclaim,
7 alleging that Fair Isaac committed fraud on the United States
8 Patent and Trademark Office during the application process
9 for registration of its "300-850" trademark. To prevail on
10 this counterclaim, the defendants have the burden of proving
11 the following elements by clear and convincing evidence.
12 This is different than greater weight of the evidence. It's
13 a higher standard, clear and convincing, and it requires that
14 you find three elements:

15 1. Fair Isaac made a false representation of fact
16 during the application process;

17 2. Fair Isaac knew that representation to be false
18 when it was made and intended to deceive the United States
19 Patent and Trademark Office; and

20 3. The false representation was material in the
21 sense that the Patent and Trademark Office relied upon it in
22 deciding to issue the registration.

23 To prove something "by clear and convincing
24 evidence" means you must be persuaded by the evidence that it
25 is highly probable. This again is a higher standard than

1 "greater weight of the evidence." Nevertheless, this
2 standard, just like greater weight of the evidence that I
3 spoke to you about earlier, does not require proof to an
4 absolute certainty, again, since proof to an absolute
5 certainty is seldom possible in case. Again, I will remind
6 you to put out of your minds any thought about the burden of
7 proof beyond a reasonable doubt, which is simply inapplicable
8 to this case.

9 Now, there are some matters that you may have heard
10 mentioned during opening statements or about which there was
11 testimony, and one of these would be the use of keywords as
12 Internet search terms, which are no longer in the case for
13 your consideration. These are matters that the Court will
14 decide rather than the jury.

15 Members of the jury, it is your duty as jurors to
16 consult with one another and to deliberate with a view to
17 reaching an agreement, if you can do so without violence to
18 your own individual judgment. Each of you must decide this
19 case for yourself, but only after an impartial consideration
20 of the evidence with your fellow jurors. In the course of
21 your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine your own
22 views, and to change your opinion, if you become convinced
23 that it is erroneous. On the other hand, do not surrender
24 your honest conviction as to the weight or the effect of the
25 evidence solely because of the opinion of your fellow jurors,

1 or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict.

2 Remember at all times that you are not partisans.
3 You are judges -- judges of the facts, and your sole interest
4 should be to seek the truth from the evidence in this case.

5 Upon next retiring to the jury room, you should
6 select one of your members to act as your presiding juror.
7 That presiding juror will preside over your deliberations and
8 will become your spokesperson here in court. The form of
9 verdict has been prepared for your convenience and you will
10 be taking it with you to the jury room.

11 Again, you will note that some of the questions
12 call for a yes or no answer and the answer to each question
13 must be the unanimous answer of the jury. Your presiding
14 juror will write the unanimous answer of the jury in the
15 space provided opposite each question. And again, you will
16 note that there are some questions that do not require a yes
17 or no answer. As with all other questions, your answer to
18 these questions must be the unanimous answer of the jury.

19 Again, your verdict must be based solely on the
20 evidence and on the law which I have now given you in these
21 instructions. Again, nothing that I have said or done during
22 the case is intended to suggest to you what verdict I think
23 you should reach because that's entirely for you to decide.
24 You must not permit prejudice, sympathy, or emotion to
25 influence your verdict.

1 After the jury has answered each of the questions
2 asked, the presiding juror will date and sign that verdict
3 and it will be complete and you will then be returning with
4 it to the courtroom.

5 If it does become necessary during the course of
6 your deliberations to communicate with the Court, you may do
7 so by sending a note through the court security officer
8 signed by your presiding juror or by one or more members of
9 the jury. No member of the jury should ever attempt to
10 communicate with the Court by any means other than a signed
11 writing, and the Court will never communicate with any member
12 of the jury on any matter which touches the merits of this
13 case other than in writing or orally here in open court.

14 You will note from the oath about to be taken by
15 the court security officers that they too, as well as all
16 other persons, are forbidden to communicate in any way or
17 manner with any member of the jury on any subject touching
18 the merits of this case.

19 Bear in mind that you are not to reveal to any
20 person -- not even to the Court -- how the jury stands,
21 numerically or otherwise, on the questions before you until
22 after you have reached a unanimous verdict.

23 Members of the jury, your duty is to both the
24 plaintiffs and the defendants. They each have a right and an
25 expectation that you will see that justice is done. This

1 responsibility must be borne courageously and without fear or
2 favor. It is not an arbitrary power, but one that must be
3 exercised with fairness, sincere judgment and sound
4 discretion.

5 The final test of the quality of your service will
6 lie in the verdict which you return to this Court and not in
7 the opinions any one of you may hold as you retire from the
8 case. Remember again at all times you are not partisans nor
9 advocates, but triers of the fact.

10 Counsel, does anyone wish to call my attention to
11 any errors, omissions or corrections in the charge read to
12 the jury?

13 On behalf of the plaintiff, Mr. Schutz?

14 MR. SCHUTZ: None, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Mr. Milne?

16 MR. MILNE: None, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Remele?

18 MR. REMELE: None, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Ms. Berens?

20 MS. BERENS: None, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. The court deputy will come
22 forward to be sworn.

23 (Court security officer sworn by the calendar clerk)

24 THE COURT: All right. Members of the jury, we are
25 going to send in with you one copy of the special verdict

1 form. I'm not silly enough to send multiple copies in and
2 get multiple answers back, just one. You will get multiple
3 copies of the instructions so that you can look at those and
4 go through them, and then in just a few minute all of the
5 exhibits will be arriving and you'll have those to examine as
6 well.

7 All right. At this time we will stand for the jury
8 and the jury may proceed to commence their deliberations.

9 (Jury excused to deliberate at 2:43 p.m.)

10 THE COURT: Please be seated. The record should
11 reflect that we are outside the presence of the jury.

12 Anything that needs to be brought to the Court's
13 attention outside the presence of the jury on behalf of the
14 plaintiff?

15 MR. SCHUTZ: None, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Anything on behalf of any defendant?

17 MR. MILNE: None, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. Let's see. The procedure
19 of the Court with regard to jury interrogatories is that you
20 are all -- at least one attorney for each party is required
21 to be available by telephone. Gertie or John will call you
22 in the event of any questions. I will get you all on the
23 phone and we'll deal with those by a conference call. I
24 won't answer any questions without conferring with you unless
25 it's something pretty minor.

1 I assume everybody's agreeable that if they ask for
2 equipment to -- let's see. We've got a couple disks in there
3 and a CD. If they need viewing equipment, I take it nobody
4 has any problem providing that. We'll get them what they
5 need for that.

6 MR. SCHUTZ: No objection from the plaintiff.

7 THE COURT: Okay. We'll make sure they get that
8 and we'll note everything that happens, but anything that
9 requires any matter of substance we would be in touch with
10 you on.

11 You need to also meet as soon as we adjourn here
12 shortly with John and Gertie to make sure that the exhibits
13 conform to with what you think is going in.

14 All right. Mr. Schutz has spoken of his mother as
15 being a guiding influence in the trial. For me at least in
16 this regard, trying cases, it was my father, who was a trial
17 attorney in rural Minnesota. My father over the years
18 developed a great friendship and sense of the profession from
19 his favorite judge, and his favorite judge after every long
20 trial invited counsel back to his chambers for brandy and
21 cigars.

22 (Laughter)

23 THE COURT: As you might guess, it's not exactly my
24 style to serve cigars and brandy, but I invite all members of
25 the trial team back to my chambers for cookies and milk.

1 (Laughter)

2 THE COURT: And we will have them available when
3 you finish your exhibit review with John.

4 Court is in recess.

5 (Recess at 2:47 p.m.)

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7 (5:03 p.m.)

8 IN OPEN COURT

9 (No counsel or parties present)

10 (Jury enters)

11 THE COURT: I need to tell you a bedtime story
12 before I send you home. Please be seated.

13 Members of the jury, I understand through the court
14 security officer that you have elected to go home and resume
15 your deliberations tomorrow morning. Have you gotten as far
16 as electing a presiding juror?

17 Ms. Weis. Ms. Weis, what time would you like to
18 have the jury proceed with their deliberations tomorrow
19 morning?

20 (Laughter)

21 THE COURT: Eleven o'clock doesn't work.

22 A JUROR: Right around noonish.

23 JUROR WEIS: I'm here at 8. All right.

24 Nine o'clock.

25 (Jurors confer)

1 JUROR WEIS: 9:30.

2 THE COURT: That's often wise for us, because the
3 traffic usually works better from all directions at 9:30. So
4 I'm going to adjourn your deliberations until tomorrow
5 morning at 9:30.

6 During the course of this adjournment now,
7 obviously you've started to talk about the case, so it's
8 important that you not discuss this case with anyone at home,
9 particularly the nature of your deliberations, and you must
10 not permit anyone to discuss it with you, and you should not
11 undertake any investigations personally or by others to
12 resolve any question that might have arisen during the course
13 of your deliberation.

14 It's really important that you only have
15 discussions when all 12 of you are present, so there can't be
16 any subcaucuses or meetings. So you should not discuss the
17 case until all 12 of you are present tomorrow. So you need
18 to come in and check in downstairs and then they'll bring you
19 up when all 12 of you are together and you should make sure
20 that you again don't discuss the case until all 12 of you are
21 present.

22 And again I want to caution you, don't get on the
23 Internet and check your credit score or anything, no contact
24 or attempt to research this in any way, shape or form.

25 Other than that, I think we will see you tomorrow

1 and you may be adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30.
2 Meet downstairs, they'll bring you up and you can go from
3 there. We'll leave everything just as it is in the jury
4 room, so your notes and everything are safe in there.

5 Okay? See you tomorrow.

6 (Jury excused)

7 (Proceedings concluded for the day at 5:06 p.m.)

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